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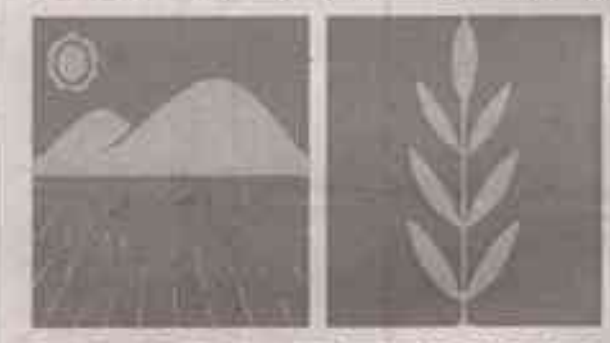
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# "Celebrating JACL's 75th Anniversary"

Welcome to *Pacific Citizen's* annual Holiday Issue! For this year's theme the *P.C.* staff has selected JACL's 75th anniversary. Although several different theme ideas were put forth this year, the staff felt that a celebration of JACL's 75 birthday, with a look at both the organization's past and its future, was appropriate and something our readers would enjoy.

In these 120-pages you will read about JACL's past accomplishments such as the passage of the McCarran-Walter Naturalization Act of 1952, the work of the organization in the successful Redress Campaign of the late 80s, and its current efforts to stand up and fight for the rights of the Arab and Muslim communities during the fight against terrorism.

These pages will not only focus on JACL's past but will also take a look at the organization's future. With the ever-changing dynamics of the Japanese American community, JACL is facing new challenges and must make some significant changes to continue to be relevant. With its current fiscal woes, JACL will also have to make some adjustments in its structure and focus to move towards a healthy financial future.

One area we placed a significant emphasis on was giving a voice to our young members who are our future leaders. Their opinions and ideas provide a window into what should be in place for JACL's future. With JACL's current emphasis on gaining new members, one area the organization must increase its focus on is the younger members of our community.

In addition to our youth members we have looked to our past and current leaders who continue to guide and influence the organization. Several past national JACL presidents have contributed their ideas to these pages including Judge Raymond Uno and Lillian Kimura. We also have contributions from our current national president Floyd Mori and Executive Director John Tateishi.

Once again this issue would not have been possible without our many writers who continue to volunteer their time, submitting thoughtful and well-written pieces. Thank you for all your efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge the hundreds of advertisers who continue to support the *P.C.* year after year. Your contributions help us immensely. And to all the JACL members, chapters, and districts who continue to pound the pavement year after year soliciting ads: thank you for all your time and effort. (Please see "*P.C.'s* People Who Count," page 5.)

The annual Holiday Issue is a *P.C.* fund-raiser and chapters can make monies from their ads. Each chapter can make a minimum 15 percent commission by selling ads; in fact, this commission is available to chapters throughout the year. Please call our business office for further information.

Lastly, I would like to thank the current staff and volunteers who helped to put this issue together. Although the Holiday Issue is a huge task each year, this year was especially difficult with our current small staff. I would like to thank staffers Brian Tanaka, office manager; Margot Brunswick, production assistant; and Eva Lau-Ting, circulation. It's hard to believe we are able to manage with such a small staff. And thank you to volunteers: Gayle Jue, Alan Kubo, Tracy Uba, and Jason Stom. Thanks for all the long hours, including both evenings and weekends.

And most importantly I'd like to thank our readers for your continued support year after year. We would not be around without your support. Look for our special New Year's issue Jan. 16, 2004.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Sincerely,
Caroline Aoyagi

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# A Vision for JACL



By GAIL TANAKA

Answer this question: First and foremost, is JACL a civil rights organization or a Japanese American organization? This is the crux of the main issue affecting JACL in the 21st century.

JACL is currently at a crossroads that will determine the future of the organization — its survival or demise. A lot of the disagreements within our membership on national JACL's decisions are directly the result of an unclear vision. In order to survive, JACL members need to unite in a similar goal by having a shared vision for the future of JACL.

After the passage of the Civil Liberties Act in 1988, JACL has not provided a clear vision for JAs in the future. Simultaneously, since the 1980s, JACL has not attracted the younger generations to the organization — therefore not providing the younger generations a compelling reason to join. Right now, if you asked 10 JACL members why someone should join JACL, you'd probably get 10 different answers. That's a problem.

In order to develop a viable vision of the organization, JACL needs to think deeply about what the organization is, whom it is for, and what it wants to accomplish. We must evaluate not only the current membership base within JACL, but also identify potential members and understand outside factors including the changing needs of the JA community.

Our country is facing some major challenges in the 21st century: terrorism, outsourcing of IT (information technology) and service jobs to foreign countries such as India, astronomical health care costs, and the baby boomers will represent the largest number of senior citizens ever. We need to think about how JACL can help the JA community cope with these issues — because these issues will affect you, your parents and your children.

I believe that JACL is a JA organization, first and foremost. JAs were attracted to the organization when it was founded. We are not an Italian American organization or an Irish American organization. We are JAs facing a multi-cultural society, especially within our own community.

My hope and vision for JACL in the 21st century is the following:

*Develop a clear mission statement that provides focus and direction for the organization and for all JACL members.* JACL's current mission statement is very long and has multiple objectives: *"The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice. The leaders and members of JACL also work to promote cultural values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community."*

While JACL's current mission statement, which primarily focuses on civil rights, has worked in the past, it doesn't fully address important needs of JAs in the future — specifically, the second part of the mission statement — in preserving our JA culture and heritage. Currently, national JACL makes decisions on civil rights issues (this includes chapters who submit a resolution at the national convention), whereas most of the JA cultural and community issues are handled at a chapter level. So we have national addressing the first half of the mission statement (civil rights) and the chapters addressing the second half (JA culture and community). No wonder members can't agree on very many issues! We are operating disjointedly as an organization, without all members working towards the same goal.

The issues that have been plaguing JACL and causing a tremendous amount of infighting are specific topics on civil rights issues, such as same-sex marriages. Some argue that these are moral issues rather than civil rights issues. Whether they are or aren't, I think the main reason for this conflict is that JACL members have different views on *what exactly* civil rights means.

If JACL's main mission is "to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice," then what is its ultimate goal? Recently I asked this question to board members of the San Francisco chapter, and someone answered quite accurately, "To eradicate racism." The truth is, we will never eradicate racism. Racism is a part of people's values, beliefs and ignorance. Hopefully we can educate and encourage tolerance of others, but we'll never eradicate racism. Therefore, does JACL ultimately have a goal that is unattainable?

The mission statement strongly uses a "victim" positioning ("secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others *who are victimized* by injustice and prejudice"), but JACL really needs to get out of the "victim" mentality (i.e., responding only after a grievance has occurred). The current mission statement also states that JACL is an organization responding to "Japanese Americans and all others." Who are "all others"? Americans who are not JAs? Non-Americans who are not Japanese? Non-Americans who are Japanese? It's open to a great deal of interpretation and debate, and leads to a lot of disagreement because the mission statement is not clear.

# in the 21st Century

Some members believe that JACL should support civil rights for anyone (Japanese or non-Japanese). Yes, I believe that civil rights should be applicable to everyone, but is that what JACL's purpose is — to solve the world's problems on civil rights? Because that's the direction the mission statement is pointing to. Given JACL's financial crisis, we have limited dollars to spend, and we won't be able to solve the world's problems. But we can help our members and our community — the majority of whom are JAs. The more focused we can be on our mission statement, the better the decisions and implementation of programs can be made.

To develop a clear mission statement, JACL needs to decide whether it's a civil rights organization or a JA organization, first and foremost. This will greatly help to keep our members passionate about our organization and all working towards the same goal.

**Develop a clear mission statement that provides focus and direction for the organization and for all JACL members.**

*Become the leading organization for the JA community — nationally.* Right now JACL is not a leading organization (an organization can't be leading if it's in a constant financial crisis). In order to be leading, JACL needs to be a proactive organization, not a reactive one. The victimization in our current mission statement will always be a reactive position. JACL should be the leading organization that other JA organizations look up to — not ignore. I've said this before but I'll repeat it: The greatest advantage that JACL has is its national network of people, which no other JA organization has at the national, district and chapter level. We should be leveraging our network of relationships because JACL is the only organization that can communicate and mobilize JAs across the country on a consistent basis.

**Become the leading organization for the JA community — nationally.**

The JA community is facing a multi-ethnic society like never before. Do the math: If Person A has a JA mother and a Caucasian father, Person A is one-half JA. If Person A marries someone non-Japanese, their child will be one-quarter JA, and if that child later marries someone non-Japanese, then Person A's grandchildren will be one-eighth JA.

In the past, it was relatively simple in the JA community to identify who was Issei, Nisei and Sansei, since each generation was roughly a certain age within a certain group. But in the 21st century, it is much more complex. There are Japanese descriptions that describe each group, but also age differences as well. For example, Japanese descriptions include Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei, Hapa and Shin-Issei, but they can represent any age — they could be 2 years old, or 22 or 42. (Think about it: in the JA community, Hapa was generally a younger generation such as a Sansei or Yonsei; it was not likely an Issei or Nisei.) This makes targeting the younger generations and understanding their needs much more difficult than ever before.

JAs have also assimilated into mainstream America. The three Japantowns left on the mainland — in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose — are struggling to survive. Longtime popular shops in Japantown/Little Tokyo are closing since the younger generations do not want to take over their family businesses and decide to become doctors or lawyers instead. And who can blame them. Fewer JAs travel to Japantown to socialize, shop or dine. We now need to be thinking of the JA community not as a physical location (such as Los Angeles), but as a network across the country — a community of JAs nationally.

*Promote JA culture and traditions.* The younger generations are interested in learning about their JA culture, and they perceive it as a higher priority than civil rights. It's important to note that JA culture is not referring to eating sushi or other Japanese food. Culture is a part of who you are, and learning the traditions and heritage passed down from one generation to the next. JA cultural activities provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in a cultural event, encourage prospects to participate in a JACL event and learn more about JACL, and allow current members to feel active within the organization.

The internment experience is now part of our JA culture. It is not just an historical event; it is important for our future generations to learn about it. In areas outside of California and Hawaii, JAs often have very little exposure to JA culture. Overall, the JA community is becoming more fragmented than ever before. As a JA organization, JACL should play an important role in keeping our JA culture and traditions alive. How will children who are one-eighth JA learn about their JA culture if they are not exposed to it? These are the types of issues that JACL should be addressing.

*Develop more JA leaders in government and business at ALL levels.* JAs have not gotten very far in corporate America, especially at the top level in large numbers. We do not have any young JA leaders in national politics, and we are very short of JAs who are in top management at major companies.

The greatest civil rights violations for JAs today is happening in the workplace. Americans are working longer hours, often mothers and fathers both have to work to support the family, and they are spending more time at work than at home. JAs have been successful in their careers, but up to a point. There is a glass ceiling. Quickly: name a JA who is a CEO of a Fortune 100 company. How about a JA who is currently a U.S. senator not from Hawaii? How about a JA who is a U.S. president? Get the picture?

Take a look at some of our industries such as finance, hi-tech and retail. U.S. companies are all consolidating and increasing efficiencies, which is why we have mammoth companies such as Microsoft and Starbucks. Consolidation leads to layoffs, early forced retirements, and an uncertain future for the employees. And if JAs are not the ones at the top of these companies making the decisions, then they will more likely be a victim of a layoff. I'm not saying that JAs should be saving JAs' jobs. I am saying that if you are not the one making the decision at the top, then a decision will be made for you. This can affect you — your home, your children's college education, your retirement — essentially your future.

*Educate JAs about their civil rights.* Rather than use civil rights from a victim standpoint, JACL should use civil rights as a valuable education and awareness tool. Young people are not educated in the importance of their civil rights. They didn't personally experience internment, and many of them do not feel they have experienced racism. But if we talk to them in their language — such as how their civil rights can be violated in the workplace and affect *their* career — they'll begin to understand the importance and relevance.

JAs need to be aware that in today's "politically correct" society, few people will openly discriminate. Instead it will happen covertly, such as:

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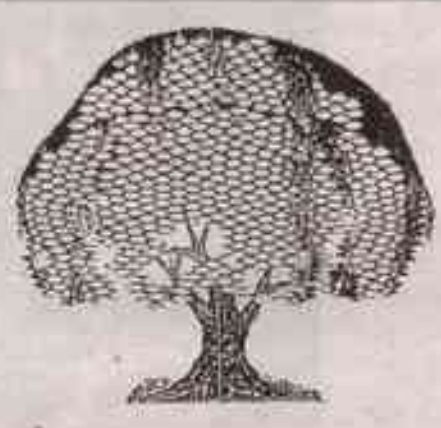
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# Patriotism, Civil Rights and Media



By GIL ASAKAWA
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These are strange days indeed, when the word "patriot" is used to name a law that seems in such opposition to fundamental rights guaranteed by our nation.

The "Patriot Act," more properly titled U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act of 2001 (the acronym stands for "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism"), or HR 3162, was passed in the shocked and angry aftermath of the 9/11 attacks against the United States, when drastic measures seemed sensible. But it seems those drastic measures went too far. The Patriot Act opened the door for government and law enforcement to use aspects of racial profiling as weapons in the war against our new enemy, those who carried out the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Congress is now sneaking bits and pieces of a sequel legislation, the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003, already being called "Patriot II," into other, unrelated bills. There was too much criticism when a draft of the full act was published this spring online by the Center for Public Integrity, and it was clear it would take even more drastic steps in the war against terrorism.

Now that war is being waged again against Iraq (let's face it, the war was never over back in the spring), the word "patriot" is even richer with symbolism, marking the line between "us" and "them" in blood. I thought of President Bush's post-9/11 threat when he launched the war against terrorism: "You're either for us or against us."

The president will think I'm against him, but I feel I'm being patriotic by having concerns about the war, and about both Patriot acts.

Dr. David Cole, a Georgetown University law professor, warned the Center for Public Integrity after reading the draft legislation that Patriot II "would radically expand law enforcement and intelligence gathering authorities, reduce or eliminate judicial oversight over surveillance, authorize secret arrests, create a DNA database based on unchecked executive 'suspicion,' create new death

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, a Muslim American woman, shares how her life has changed since the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent enforcement of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

# San San Kudo



By EMILY TERUYA

I appreciate being Japanese American. That appreciation intensifies on joyous occasions such as my second cousin's recent wedding. As I passed out wedding programs at the chapel entry, I saw a well-balanced relation of two cultures: guests dressed in either well-tailored western garb or exquisite kimono, shaking hands, bowing, or smiling as they exchanged greetings in English, Japanese, or a combination of the two.

It was wonderful to see the bride and groom encircled by a loving group of people who waited for the reverend to begin. For me, the most striking part of the ceremony was the "San San Kudo," a Buddhist sake ceremony that means "three three nine" and was further explained in the wedding program:

"San San Kudo is the ceremonial exchanging of sake cups as an introduction between families. The bridal couple takes the first cup and takes three sips each. The second cup is then offered to the groom's parents who take three sips each. The third cup is then offered to the bride's parents and they each take three sips. The three sips represent the Truth of this life in the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. This signifies that where there were once two families, there are now three. Lastly, each family representative drinks three times, giving us a total of nine. The number nine symbolizes potential and one's commitment and desire for the marriage to attain its highest potential."

As I absorbed the meaning of the ceremony, I had several thoughts linking it to my appreciation of JACL. It has been enriching to join a new family consisting of members of various ages, interests and personalities, yet bound by a desire to see JACL attain its highest potential. In my mind, JACL is more than a civil rights organization. It is a place where people help each other.

I have personally benefited from a new family who uses the wisdom of its collective life experiences to teach me how to become a more confident, educated and strong individual. They have also taught me that I can make a difference by voicing an opinion and adding a new dimension to a debate or discussion. Most important, they have encouraged me to become cognizant of where JACL has been, where it is now, and where it must be in the future.

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A traditional San San Kudo sake ceremony.

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# From Redress to Re-examination:

## A New Role for JACL



By CARL TAKEI

Under the auspices of the "war on terrorism," our country is experiencing an assault on civil liberties of a scope not seen since World War II.

In the past year, the federal government has rounded up and summarily deported over 13,000 Arab and Muslim immigrants, only a tiny fraction of whom have even been accused of having any connection to terrorism. Thousands more remain trapped in Department of Homeland Security detention facilities, denied adequate access to lawyers as they await final orders of deportation.

And on June 18, 2003, President Bush issued a directive described as a "ban" on racial profiling — but which specifically permits racial profiling for investigations involving "terrorism" and "national security" matters, thus opening the door to rampant profiling against Muslims, Arabs and South Asians.

Especially considering the JACL's admirable leadership role in the Redress Movement, it is ironic that the JACL is facing such dire membership woes at a time when other groups are being targeted in a manner so analogous to the WWII targeting of Japanese Americans.

JACL's difficulties result in part from the inevitable fragmentation of an increasingly assimilated JA community. The New England JACL recently held a forum on JA identity, targeted at high school- and college-aged youth, which illustrated this new diversity of experiences and origins. Fewer JAs are growing up in predominantly JA neighborhoods, internment is becoming more distant in time, and intermarriage is becoming even more common — all things that complicate the question of what it means to be JA today.

How should JACL react to these changes? Criticizing intermarriage or lamenting the other changes in the JA community is not a solution, for it would virtually ensure JACL's demise by restricting us to a narrow and outdated conception of JA identity.

Nor would it be wise for JACL to focus less on internment and shift to being primarily a social organization. That would betray our unique historical legacy and the important responsibilities that come with this inheritance. Particularly in a time that so closely echoes the national fear and war hysteria of WWII, it would be shameful for the only national JA organization to promote political apathy.

A far more courageous choice would be for JACL to re-examine its own history and integrate this into the national dialogue over the present-day

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PHOTO: TRACY UBA

Saif Hussain, of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, leads a Friday congregational prayer for Muslims in front of the Los Angeles Federal Building where the INS was holding special registrations for immigrants. Civil rights groups, including the JACL, have called these registrations discriminatory and a form of racial profiling.

# The Face of the Japanese American Community



By KRISTINE MINAMI

Have you ever seen that poster, "Top 100 Reasons You Know You're a JA"? It includes such uniquely Japanese American cultural phenomena as: "After college you went to Japan to teach English or you know someone who did" (yep, did it, #37); "You know the difference between *benjo* and banjo" (a very important distinction at #36); and "Breakfast is not complete without leftover rice (especially fried rice; #27). And while this poster does pull the heartstrings of ethnic pride, it also assumes a common cultural experience that is increasingly less true.

Celebrating JACL's 75th birthday and reflecting on the past accomplishments of our community and the future direction of the organization compelled me to learn more about the context of those 75 years. After a few minutes cruising the Census Bureau website (www.census.gov), I learned that in 1930 the Asian Pacific American population totaled 264,766 (a mere 0.2 percent of the entire U.S. population) — including 74,954 Chinese, 138,834 Japanese, 45,208 Filipino, 3,130 Hindu, 1,860 Korean, 660 Hawaiian, 96 Malay, 18 Siamese and 6 Samoan. (Makes you wonder who was counting and how).

The JA community comprised roughly half of the APA population and a whopping 0.1 percent of the entire U.S. population. JAs lived in every state but New Hampshire (including one brave and pioneering individual in Mississippi and another in Vermont), but 95 percent of the JA population lived in the West, mostly in California. Hawaii was not included in the count as it was not yet a state.

By contrast, the 2000 Census tells us that the APA population is thriving with approximately 12 million strong, the fastest growing minority group in the United States with a 95 percent increase between 1980–90 and a 48 percent increase since 1990. The Nikkei population now numbers 1.15 million, with 1,365 in Mississippi and 674 in Vermont. And unlike the 1930 census, which can provide only the roughest of sketches of the JA community, the 2000 Census captured information about national origin, outmarriage and multi-ethnic backgrounds.

Almost directly inverse to the general APA population, approximately two-thirds of the people claiming Japanese ancestry are American-born. However, Japanese immigration remains fairly steady, hovering around 5,000 a year since the mid-1950s with approximately 250,000 Japanese having immigrated since the end of World War II. Of the Asian American population — but not including Native Hawaiians — JAs have the highest rate of outmarriage and approxi-

mately 30 percent of our community is multi-ethnic.

These snapshots — one in black and white and one in full color — make it clear that the face of America is evolving and that the Nikkei community is as well. Contrary to early reports out of the census, the Nikkei community is not shrinking, but rather expanding in different directions.

We are the most diverse AA group. No longer does our community fit the simplistic Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei, etc., definitions. We have had to invent new labels such as Shin-Nisei, H-APA (half-APA) and "Quapa" (either one-quarter or three-quarters APA). In my case, I sometimes use "Cro-Asian" to give proper recognition to my Croatian and Asian roots. We are a community of many faces, many experiences and many interests. No generalizations other than this one apply.

In 1929, JACL was formed by a group of young leaders with courage and the vision and the desire to effect change. Over the past 75 years, our community has survived immigration quotas, internment, being "cannon fodder," anti-miscegenation laws and apathy. We persevered through prejudice to become politically engaged and active in our broader communities. We have built our communities and rebuilt them. Where once our parents and grandparents and great-grandparents were barred from citizenship, now we are represented at the highest levels of government by a Cabinet secretary, one of the most senior senators in office, and two members of Congress.

Today, the JACL struggles with an issue agenda that does not reflect every member of the organization or community, and we suffer from a lack of consensus on what the organization's most basic functions should be. Yet, it seems to me that this is just a natural reflection of the growth of our community.

Some say that JACL doesn't represent the Nikkei community, but I think it does. I think that such dissension in the ranks is a well-founded tradition in the JACL and in any democracy. I view this diversity as a strength that needs to be recognized and drawn on. The JACL board, staff and volunteers bring a vast variety of backgrounds and experience to the organization. We see ourselves as APAs and JAs and Americans. We are Shin-Issei, Nisei, Shin-Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei and much more. We are multi-ethnic and multi-racial.

And while some may not agree with all of the policy positions, the JACL as a whole is still a powerful and influential organization — at the grassroots where the yearly picnics and other cultural gatherings galvanize the community and at the national level where our voice continues to be heard. No one can deny the impact made by local *mochitsuki* festivals on their immediate communities. No one can deny that JACL and the JA community standing up for tolerance in the aftermath of 9/11 made a difference in ways both small and large. We can all be proud of both of these legacies.

Much has changed in the last 75 years, and one thing that is quite clear is that we are an evolving community that must embrace our ever-growing diversity. No longer can the JA community define ourselves solely by the WWII experience; to do so excludes new Americans and the fastest growing segment of our community, those of multi-ethnic heritage.

As a POIRA ("person of indeterminate racial ancestry"), I identify with my Japanese heritage and believe that JACL is still a relevant organization and an important vehicle for making our voices heard. And even with our diversity and the changes over the years, I think we can all agree that reason No.1 of that list of 100 remains the same: "You really are very, very proud to be JA." ■



Kristine Minami attends the National JACL Gala Dinner recently in Los Angeles. She is joined by Carol and John Tateishi and Sen. Daniel Inouye.

*Kristine Minami is JACL's Washington, D.C., representative.*

## TAKEI

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targeting of Arabs, Muslims and South Asians in America.

The traditional internment narrative — a frightened and politically unconnected minority willingly complying with the evacuation and detention orders — is an important historical warning for present and future government officials, but is only half of the story.

JACL needs to address its role in the other, lesser-known narrative of internment: the bitter and sometimes physically violent conflict between those who cooperated with the government and those who did not, between those whose patriotic feelings made them eager to prove their loyalty to the authorities and those whose anger led them to reject serving those authorities. This second narrative is particularly relevant in the present.

Today, leaders in Muslim and Arab immigrant communities face many of the same hard questions that the young Nisei leaders of the JACL were forced to confront in WWII, when the FBI and the War Department sought the JACL's assistance in collecting information about "disloyal" individuals.

Around the country, the FBI is now engaged in a massive effort to identify potential terrorists using surveillance and similar forms of infiltration, asking mosques to provide membership lists, and recruiting informers to report on Muslims who espouse unpatriotic or inflammatory political ideas.

In communities from Massachusetts to Michigan to California, Muslim leaders face a difficult choice between resistance and collaboration, trying to balance community solidarity against their fears of FBI retaliation toward their communities and themselves.

In some cases, pressure from the FBI can combine with hostility from outsiders to make it incredibly difficult for Muslim community leaders to resist the FBI's wishes.

Here in New England, for example, the *Boston Herald* (one of the Boston area's two major dailies) recently ran a series of front-page articles headlined, "RADICAL ISLAM," accusing one of the region's major mosques of having terrorist ties and promoting "anti-American" ideology. In particular, the *Herald* insinuated that the mosque sympathized with terrorists because of their efforts to rally community support for a local Muslim-owned technology company, Ptech, that was harassed and raided by the FBI but never charged with any crime.

This is the same kind of irresponsible and inflammatory journalism that fanned the flames of hatred against JAs after Pearl Harbor — and which no doubt influenced JACL leaders in their decision to accede to the FBI's requests.

By confronting our own history, re-evaluating the choices our leaders once made, and teaching others about the consequences of those decisions, the JACL can play an important role helping Muslim and Arab leaders to navigate the dilemmas they face today.

Perhaps the leaders of these communities can face these difficult choices with more knowledge than the young JACL leaders did in WWII, and avoid creating the kinds of internal divisions that split our community 60 years ago. ■

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# An Affirmative Action Wake-up Call



By MAYA YAMAZAKI

A campus group at my university recently held an affirmative action bake sale. Curious, I went to see what it was about, hoping that maybe they were attempting to raise funds for lobbying groups or some other altruistic effort.

I was wrong. The sale was a protest against affirmative action. Members of the group stood at their booth selling their baked goods, but the prices varied depending on the race and gender of the buyer. Caucasian males paid the most, while African Americans paid the least.

This bake sale was a gross perversion of what affirmative action is and how it is instituted.

What surprised me the most, however, was what happened the next day. In response to this blatant show of ignorance and disrespect, the campus minorities mobilized. Members of the Minority Think Tank, dressed entirely in black and wearing red armbands, set up booths throughout campus to educate the students about affirmative action. And at 1 p.m., the students marched through campus chanting slogans and convening in Red Square for a rally.

The events symbolized the tension created surrounding affirmative action, but most importantly, it brought the conflict to the surface.

The college campus today is still the hotbed of institutional change, the incubator for future leaders, the breeding ground for intellectual enlightenment and dissent.

All too often, I hear that the youth are not interested in civil rights, that we want social and cultural events, things that pertain to our everyday lives. This may be true to an extent. But the youth today never forget the importance of civil rights.

Sometimes, between the pressures of school, work, family and friends, we get so caught up in our bubble that we forget the real world. Then, an affirmative action bake sale comes up, and we wake up wondering why we did not see this before.

The JACL needs to shake students out of their apathy, or capture their interests when they wake up. We need to show Asian American students that they should join us because we will give them the outlet that they search for, a means of expressing their opinions and emotions regarding racial relations today.

The JACL has a shortage of youth members and we are always looking to recruit bright leaders for tomorrow. Though we need to cater to the younger generation by making the JACL socially oriented, we also need to keep our legacy of civil rights at the forefront.

The affirmative action bake sale proves that young minorities are still active in civil rights. The JACL now needs to identify these student activists and enlist them in the organization.

As the new year approaches, I am sure that many people are thinking of their New Year's resolutions. I would like to ask the chapters to start the year off by going to the local college campuses and dropping off our new membership brochures at some strategic points. The best places to try are the pre-law society, any AA clubs, and the political science departments.

The JACL needs to be more visible on college campuses — otherwise, affirmative action bake sales will continue to pop up, and we will need to educate generations and generations as the ignorance is propagated. ■

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## TANAKA

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– A JA doesn't get the job because they are viewed as "not a leader."
– A JA doesn't get promoted because they are viewed as "not proactive."
– A JA earns lower pay than their Caucasian counterpart.

Racism occurs in the work force more often than you think, and is usually unable to be proven. In this "politically correct" society, a lot of racism is hidden. That's the scary part.

When I was a speaker at the 2000 National JACL Convention, I asked the youth how many of them have ever experienced racism. Very few hands went up. I have seen this same reaction from other young JAs in the community. Does this mean that younger JAs don't experience racism like their parents and grandparents did? Of course not. What it means is they are not recognizing it or choosing to overlook it. What is alarming to me is that the younger generations, although assimilated, have a false sense of security that they haven't ever been discriminated against and won't be in the future. We desperately need to educate young JAs, but we first need to grab their attention. Touting civil rights is not the way that will attract the younger generations into JACL. It will be their desire for JA culture that will attract new members.

*Offer programs and services that are relevant to members and clearly execute JACL's vision.* I mentioned earlier how JACL should be addressing the needs of the JA community. Here is one example. Given rising health care costs, JACL should be offering health insurance through all 50 states, not just in California. Years ago, JACL attracted new members through our California health insurance program, but we should think beyond just California. Some members are currently unemployed, others are self-employed and don't have insurance, and with the aging baby boomers, more people will have part-time jobs without insurance. I can't tell you how many people have asked me if I know of any health insurance programs — I tell them to join JACL, but they don't live in California! If a person suddenly gets a pink slip (and believe me, it will happen more often in the future since companies are continually looking for ways to cut costs), they will know that they can protect themselves and their family by becoming a JACL member and signing up for the health plan. We need to look towards the future and determine ways we can help our members.

**Promote JA culture and traditions.**

*Acquire new JACL members and retain existing members.* JACL membership numbers have been decreasing on a consistent basis, due to the Nisei, who comprise the majority of our membership, passing away, and few new members joining. However, there is some good news to keep in mind: the largest generation after the baby boomers is the baby boomers' children, called Generation Y (Gen Y). Gen Y are between the ages of 10 and 25 right now. There are 60 million people who are Gen Y, which includes a lot more JAs than we've seen since the baby boomer generation. We have a limited amount of time to attract Gen Y — and it is in JACL's best interest to acquire Gen Y members while they are young. This does not mean that we need to run out and buy a Britney Spears album. What it does mean is that we need to create a solid strategy so that we attract not only Gen Y, but also baby boomers and Gen X (the generation between the Gen Y and baby boomers) to JACL. We need to give new members a compelling reason to join JACL and renew their membership every year.

We also need to develop creative ways to acquire new members to JACL. For example, we should consider offering a gift certificate as a JACL membership to attract the younger generations. Think about it: do parents or grandparents really need to provide their kids/grandkids with more materialistic things? A youth gift certificate could be more than just a one-year youth JACL membership. It could be a five-year or 10-year youth membership, so that our members can purchase a gift certificate for their children/grandchildren and create a longer-lasting membership for JACL. We need our members to instill the importance of our JA culture to the younger generations.

There is much we can accomplish if we all come together with the same goal. For the 75th anniversary of JACL, it is my hope that we can come to an agreement on the future direction and vision of our organization, not only for the sake of JACL, but for the sake of our entire JA community across the country. ■

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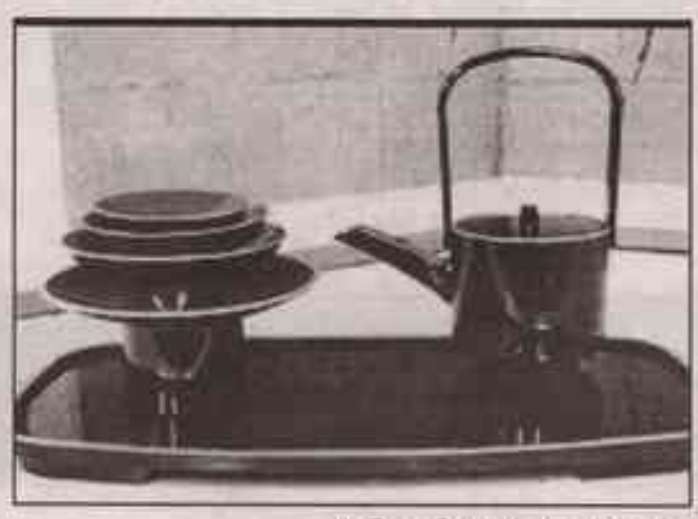
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After 75 years of protecting and trying to secure and maintain the civil rights of anyone and everyone who is victimized by injustice and prejudice, the JACL has and will continue to act as my voice when it comes to questioning and protesting the reigning hegemonic order. Everyone, including the JACL, has a long way to go to truly secure and maintain the civil rights of all people.

So, I've come to realize the importance of activism — especially youth activism. I believe my generation must pay attention to how JACL combats narrow-mindedness as in the case when "Banzai" (a TV program using stereotypical and demeaning Japanese characters) aired on FOX, JACL would not stand for it. With other Asian American organizations, they would not allow FOX to renew a contract with the show. My generation also needs to be aware of how JACL has helped Filipino veterans fight for their rights, get Japanese and JA internees restitution, denounced female golfer Jan Stephenson's degrading remarks about Asian golfers, and the list goes on.

As Americans of Japanese descent, I believe we occupy a unique social space in America. And, as a student majoring in ethnic studies and Native American studies, I am afforded the privilege of learning about my history and the history of other minorities through a multi-disciplinary discourse.

One of my classes has an online forum where students are free to discuss their ideas about the course. One topic that heated things up was the assumption that AAs are not represented by a spokesperson or spokespeople. But I asked if anyone had heard of JACL and its purpose. I then went on to explain what JACL is and how it can benefit all Americans. It is at times like these when a symbolic cup of sake needs to be offered.



A San San Kudo tea set.

Lastly, I couldn't help but liken the San San Kudo ceremony to the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific district of JACL and its All-We-Ask-Is-One campaign to increase membership by asking each member to get one new member. Wouldn't it be terrific, I asked myself, if just one JACL member could figuratively offer a cup of sake to a non-member who joins and then, in turn, offers a cup to someone else? In that way, JACL would increase its membership and attain its highest potential.

In the same spirit I congratulated my second cousin and her new husband, I congratulate JACL on its 75th anniversary and encourage everyone to offer a symbolic cup of sake. ■

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## ASAKAWA

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penalties, and even seek to take American citizenship away from persons who belong to or support disfavored political groups."

The Bush administration already has a history of expanding enforcement and intelligence gathering authority, so that wasn't surprising; the proposed DNA database based on "suspicion" was definitely disturbing; but the kicker for me was the possible stripping of American citizenship from people because of their association with certain groups, even if they are groups that have been deemed "terrorist." This is reminiscent of the McCarthy-era "Red Scare" when people were persecuted for their mere association with communist organizations.

But worse, it eerily echoes the efforts by anti-Japanese organizations in California during the 1920s to take away citizenship from the Nisei generation of immigrants. These exclusionist groups had already successfully prevented the Issei generation from becoming naturalized citizens, and systematically passed laws that prevented Japanese immigrants from owning, leasing or even share-cropping farmland for their living. Now they wanted to take away the immigrants' future hopes in their U.S.-born children, who were citizens by birth.

The Japanese American Citizens League was formed during that era of racial hatred and prejudice, in 1929.

The JACL is the country's oldest Asian Pacific Islander civil rights organization (the Organization of Chinese Americans, a group the JACL works closely with, was formed in 1973). Although it has been criticized — and rightly so — for some of its positions and actions over the decades, the JACL takes a stand every day on issues of civil rights and prejudice against Americans of all ethnic backgrounds. In the hours following the 9/11 attacks, the JACL was watchful of hate crimes against people of Middle Eastern heritage.

It has quietly worked behind the scenes on even seemingly minor incidents. Because of the JACL, both the *Miami Herald* and the *Orlando Sun-Sentinel* have agreed to refuse advertising from businesses that use the word "Jap" in their name (the word is inexplicably still used throughout Florida). The JACL has also been involved in negotiations — along with African American organizations — to urge eBay to educate the website's users about the use of racist terminology in its online auction listings and descriptions. eBay recently agreed to have pop-up warnings appear whenever users posted racially offensive words.

The JACL spoke out forcefully, though unsuccessfully, to force the resignation of North Carolina Congressman Howard Coble from his leadership of a crime and homeland security subcommittee because of his comments approving Japanese American internment during World War II.

And this year, the JACL has added its name to a legal challenge to the Patriot Act because of its infringement of civil rights.

I'm proud to be a member of the JACL and honored to serve as the *Pacific Citizen's* editorial board chair. I urge others to join the organization and support its programs. These are difficult times for nonprofits, and the JACL is no exception — its belt is so tight it's about to snap, and it accomplishes an incredible amount of great work with the tiniest staff and slimmest budget. All of the organization's resources are being spent on initiatives such as the fight against the Patriot Act.

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# The Newest JACL Chapter:
# Sawtooth in Idaho!

By MAYA HATA LEMMON

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Season's Greetings! Happy 75th Anniversary JACL!

I remember my sister, Grace, in the early 50s, hand-stenciling and mimeographing JACL newsletters in Richmond, Calif. I believe the late Heizo Oshima was president of the Contra Costa chapter then. The JACL made possible a lot of changes since then — the Immigration & Naturalization Act of 1952, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians testimony and findings in 1981-83, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and redress payments.

**NETWORK:** As a member of the newest 2002 JACL chapter, the "Sawtooth" chapter in Idaho, I've utilized many of the services of the JACL. To me, the NETWORK OF PEOPLE is the most important and I've utilized the JACL network many times.

I've e-mailed editorials and copies of hateful letters to many fellow JACL members and the paper immediately gets barraged with thoughtful, informed, personal replies! Local citizens also reply, but often it helps to be able to relate firsthand experiences and varied responses.

Our chapter has a small core group, a few national members, yet we can draw on the information and support of hundreds, if not thousands of JACL members via a network and the *Pacific Citizen*! At the bi-district meeting in June 2003, National JACL Vice President David Kawamoto made the analogy of JACL membership to "an insurance policy." "We are here if you need us."

**SUPPORT:** When Minidoka was designated a national monument in 2001, JACL's Washington, D.C., representative, Kristine Minami, was tremendously helpful in organizing support and requesting funding. JACL support, especially in meeting with local congressional representatives, was strong: National President Floyd Mori, Pocatello Blackfoot Past President Masa Tsukamoto, Bob Endo, former IDC education chair and 442nd veteran Hero Shiosaki, Pocatello Blackfoot President Karl Endo, the late Sud Morishita from Idaho Falls, and former IDC Gov. Larry Grant came to Twin Falls or Jerome, Idaho, to offer support and attend meetings. They often had to drive in ice and snow!

Mori and his wife, Irene, came to our charter installation in 2002. I was surprised to learn that we were "his first new chapter."

Prior to 2002, I was a member of the Boise Valley or Pocatello Blackfoot chapters, which are about 120 miles from Twin Falls. Pocatello Blackfoot JACL chapter started in 1941! George Shiozawa was their first chapter president. Charter member Paul Okamura, now age 88, is one of the few members still living who attended the 1942 emergency JACL meeting in San Francisco. Charter Idaho Falls member Sudao Morishita, who passed away in 2002, was another who attended from Idaho.



Chelsea Kawakami Vlasak of Tri-Cities Taiko performing at the JACL's IDC/PNW Bi-District conference taiko workshop at the College of Southern Idaho in June 2003 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Chelsea is IDC secretary as well as a Pocatello Blackfoot chapter member. (Photo reprinted by permission of *The Times News*, Twin Falls, Idaho.)

**SAWTOOTH CHAPTER:** Our chapter officers all have their own interests, yet somehow we can come together and make things happen. Sandy Bosteder, who taught Japanese at Burley High School, has been our president for two years. Ron James, who teaches history to 9th grade students and cultural anthropology to college students, has been our

vice president. He also has been doing oral histories. Ron wrote his master's thesis on the Chinese mining camps on the Snake River and will be returning to China to teach English.

I am the Sawtooth chapter secretary, am semi-retired and do a lot of volunteer work and writing. Janet Matsuoka Keegan is our treasurer. Janet works part-time in addition to being a mother, teaches aerobics and also volunteers for civic groups! Micki Kawakami, former IDC governor, has been an invaluable dual chapter (Pocatello Blackfoot and Sawtooth) member. She spearheaded the bi-district conference here in Twin Falls and gave our chapter a financial cushion. We would not have been able to accomplish it without her!

Our chapter also includes some distinguished members: Dan Sakura of Washington, D.C., history professor emeritus Dr. Robert Sims of Boise, professor and artist Roger Shimomura of the University of Kansas, Don Morishita, Ph.D., of University of Idaho Research, Guy Matsuoka, president of the Twin Falls/CSI Judo Club, Father Hugh Feiss of Ascension Monastery in Jerome, Francis Egbert, president, Jerome County Historical Society, Ralph Peters, former director of IFARM and former mayor of Jerome, Shirley Kunsman of Jerome, Kelly and George Kawamoto (George K's Burley Restaurant) of Heyburn, Ko Tateoka of Hazelton, Matsuye Koto and Kelly Ogawa of Twin Falls, Teresa Tamura of Montana, and student members Aaron Kirk, Abram Jones, Jennifer Holloway and Linsey Abo.

**EDUCATION:** We've utilized the JACL trainers and training booklet. In 2000 and 2001, former Minidoka internee Yas Tokita used the JACL manual in Ascension Monastery's Elderhostel sessions on the internment in Jerome. Dr. Sharon Ishii Jordan from Nebraska and Greg Marutani of San Francisco came to Idaho in 2001 and 2003 to instruct Idaho teachers in teacher training seminars.

Sharon and Greg's latest session in October 2003 in Boise was on "Parallels to 9/11." Shiosaki of Blackfoot spoke on the 442nd and history professor emeritus Dr. Sims, on the Idaho Japanese American experience. Patty Koyama of Payette, the Hirai's from Boise and I assisted at the workshop. In 2002, as part of the commemoration, Dr. Rita Takahashi of San Francisco, formerly of Idaho, also instructed teachers on the JA experience during WWII.



Hero Shiosaki, longtime Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL member and a 442nd veteran, is greeted by Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne at the Day of Remembrance ceremony Feb. 19. During the ceremony Hero spoke about his military experience and the achievements of the Japanese American units during World War II. On the left is Tish Koto of Fruitland, Idaho.



Maya Hata Lemmon, with Les Bock, executive director, Idaho Human Rights Education Center, poses outside the governor's office in the Capitol Building in Boise, Idaho, during the Feb. 19 Day of Remembrance proclamation signing ceremony.



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Idaho's Day of Remembrance proclamation signed by the governor. The proclamation was drafted by Maya Hata Lemmon.

**BRIDGES:** We've also had support from Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who provided an excellent welcome letter for those attending the conference and pilgrimage. Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow personally greeted bi-district attendees. Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Director Kent Just was the master of ceremonies for our commemoration luncheon and *sakura matsuri*. Idaho Human Rights Education Center, builders of the Idaho Human Rights Memorial in Boise, have just issued a Human Rights curriculum, K–12.

**ACTIVITIES & SPONSORS:** We've also had education in different forms, with many different sponsors. Under sponsorship of the Bureau of Reclamation and Idaho Human Rights Education Center, we had readings by Ken Mochizuki from "Baseball Saved Us," "Heroes" and the "Sugihara Story" and performances of "Within the Silence" by Living Voices, in classrooms throughout Idaho. Under the sponsorship of the National Park Service and College of Southern Idaho we enjoyed an exhibit of Kenjiro Nomura's Minidoka paintings.

**MORE ACTIVITIES:** Since Minidoka, we utilized the JACL network for Idaho's 2002 and 2003 Day of Remembrance, for our 2002 commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the internment events and first sakura matsuri, and in 2003, for our first bi-district conference and events. This summer, we also helped host, with joint events, the first Minidoka Monument pilgrimage under the National Park Service administration. Neil King, Minidoka Monument superintendent, National Park Service (www.nps.gov/miin), helped coordinate the tours and ceremony.

Our tiny chapter sponsored four students who went to the National JACL Youth

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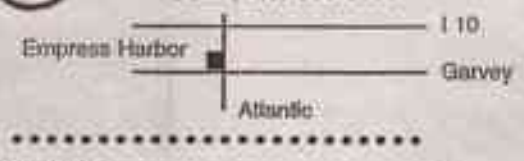
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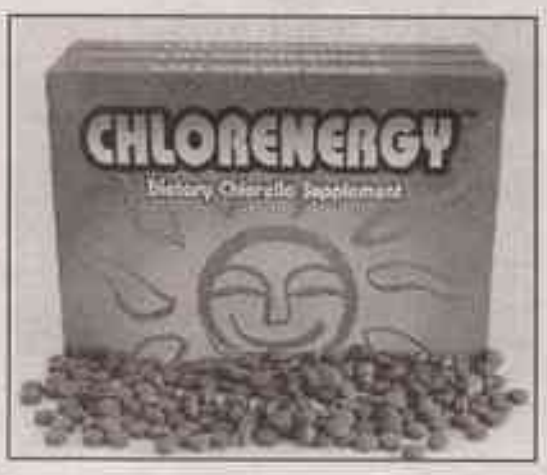
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The year was 1944 and World War II was still in full force. The Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Infantry RCT and the Military Intelligence Service continued to fight on courageously. For the 120,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated in America's concentration camps things seemed to slowly look up. The War Relocation Authority began a program of "indefinite leave" releasing the evacuees to go outside out of the barbed wire fenced enclosures.

The West Coast was still a restricted area for the JAs and many "relocates" headed east to Chicago. But then there were the few adventurous Nisei who continued on further east to New York City, then the largest city in the world. During the train ride they must have had some second thoughts for it seemed formidable to go to a city of that size and with an unknown Japanese population. But there was no turning back and it was time to put aside the uncertainties, face the challenges and pursue the "American dream."

In time the Nisei pioneers came together and decided to organize a JACL chapter in New York. There were obstacles. To begin with, to organize a chapter is a difficulty in itself. To do so where public sentiment of that time was anti-Japanese added to the difficulties. But courage and the Japanese sense of *gambaru* lead to a charter in June 1944, a first for the East Coast. As the chapter celebrates 60 years we are forever grateful and indebted to the few founding Nisei pioneers.

To write about the chapter is to write about our early leaders and members. It is also a Japanese virtue taught to us by the Meiji Era Issei to honor and memorialize those who came before us. It is then fitting to write about them, some who are no longer here but left us all a legacy to behold and uphold.

The first chapter president (1944-45) was Al Funabashi. Not much is known about him but we all give thanks to him for having the courage to undertake the responsibility of leading an organization in its infancy.

Thomas Hayashi (1947-48), a Sapphire Pin recipient, was a prominent lawyer and a community leader involved in many Nikkei and professional organizations. To honor him, a national JACL law scholarship was established. This distinguished gentleman left us too soon.

Woodrow Asai had a very active presidency (1952-53). One of the high points was inviting Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, for the Brooklyn Dodgers, to speak before a packed chapter installation dinner. Woody also led the movement for the passage of the Evacuation Claims Act. With Shosuke Sasaki, a member of the New York Newspaper Guild, the chapter successfully campaigned to have Webster's dictionary define "Jap" as a racial pejorative.

The presidency (1959-60) of George Kyotow began soon after he arrived home from





Japan. He claimed to be a one-man impresario of the chapter productions. One of his successes was a dinner program for the war hero and up-and-coming politician Daniel K. Inouye and his wife Margaret. Another was an event he called "Meet the Japanese Press" which featured six Japanese news correspondents in a public forum.

The premier production was the presentation by the world-famous author and Pulitzer Prize winner James A. Michener. His wife, Mari Subasawa Michener, was there and so was Pat Suzuki. Nikkei of the Biennium winner (1960), then starring in the Broadway production of "Flower Drum Song." This event was held in the community room of the Grant Houses, an NYC Housing Authority public project apartment complex. Many years later, as a community organizer in the employ of the Human Resources Administration, I was at one time assigned to this project, little knowing that George held his memorable event there.

Yoshitaka Joe Imai (1969-70) was a highly respected financial consultant and a vice president for many years at the securities company now known as SmithBarney. He was "Mr. Nikkei Investment" and started the successful "Nisei Investors of New York." He claimed that the JACL redress movement actually began right here in the N.Y. chapter under his presidency. It was led by the aforementioned Shosuke Sasaki with the movement going on to Seattle where Sasaki had retired. During the 31st biennial national JACL convention in Seattle the chapter came out and championed for redress action. The rest is history. Prior to retiring to Alhambra, Calif., Joe was decorated by the Emperor of Japan with the Order of the Sacred Treasure for his service to the Nikkei community.

Ruby Yoshino Schaar, an aptly named Ruby Award winner, was not only the first Nisei woman chapter president (1978-81) but also its longtime executive director. The chapter office was in her condominium apartment, with meetings held there. During her tenure we enjoyed stability, many activities, and growth in membership. Ruby was in the arts and a Ruby Yoshino Schaar Playwright Award was established in her honor prior to her retirement to San Francisco.

B.J. Watanabe became the first Sansei woman president (1984-85). With her board member husband Ron Osajima, the chapter enjoyed many memorable and innovative activities. Near the end of her tenure she took a temporary leave to have a son. Unfortunately for us she took a permanent leave when the couple moved to the West Coast, but fortunate for the SELANOCO chapter where she is an active board member.

In 1980 we were fortunate to have a Chicago chapter and MDC JACL leader transfer to our chapter. Lillian C. Kimura, a Diamond Pin recipient, later became our president (1986-92). From there she went on to become the first woman national JACL president. Thereafter she served as vice governor and governor of EDC and continues as consultant to various other civil rights groups. Lillian was also decorated by the Emperor of Japan.

Our current president is Sumi Mitsudo-Koide, an MD with an outstanding professional practice. She founded the chapter's successful "Speakers Bureau" where members give presentations to various schools and organizations about the JA experience. In between her busy schedule she is involved with an Arab American Muslim rights organization.



Our chapter membership rolls through the years were graced with members who were accomplished and who distinguished themselves in various fields.

Michi Nishiura Weglyn, a Nikkei of the Biennium, was the Nisei author of the outstanding definitive documentary book "Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps." She was a lecturer and with her husband Walter a benefactor and advocate for people. For her lifetime achievements she received many honors including three honorary doctorates from leading universities.

Mine Okubo was a famous Nisei artist and the author of the book "Citizen 13360" which told in words and illustrations the tragic experience of being incarcerated in America's concentration camps during WWII. Mostly by invitation she held nationwide exhibits of her original art works, receiving many prestigious awards.

Kaneji "Kan" Domoto was a world-famous Nisei landscape architect. The beauty of his architectural creations found in natural settings is awe-inspiring. This creative genius leaves behind on this earth something of artistic value for all of us to view in nature with all our senses. He was indeed one with nature.

Yuri Kochiyama, a Nikkei of the Biennium winner (1996), is a longtime Nisei civil rights activist. She fought against injustices for all groups, whenever and wherever it existed. For her dedicated and courageous actions she has received many awards from various civil rights organizations. Today she is supposedly in retirement in Oakland, Calif., but continues to be involved in civil rights activities.

When you receive mail from our chapter you will no doubt see our black logo outlining several famous New York skyscrapers. The logo is the creative work of a gifted graphic artist, Miyo Endo, who now resides in San Francisco. The logo has the "Twin Towers" of the World Trade Center destroyed by the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The principal architect was the late Nisei Minoru Yamasaki, Nikkei of the Biennium in 1962.

George Yuzawa, a Silver Pin winner, is known as the "Man of the Nikkei Community" for his longtime dedicated service to various community organizations. As a chapter board member, he led the fight against a misguided Japanese fashion designer to halt his use of "Jap" as a label on his designer clothing. George is another of our members who was decorated by the Emperor of Japan.

Haruko Kuroiwa Brown and Lucille Nakamura, a Silver Pin winner, were unsung social workers. They were real professionals who served and gave of themselves to the people and organizations. They left us too soon. We love you and we miss you.

Tooru Kanazawa was a man who truly lived the full and examined life. In life he was a laborer, adventurer, soldier, family man, journalist, business executive and author of books of which best known is "Sushi and Sourdough." At the age of 96 he was laid to rest this year with full military honors in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Then there were the non-Nikkei chapter leaders and members. Murray Sprung, a Sapphire and Silver Pin winner, was an international lawyer who served at the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal. He was a longtime counselor and benefactor for the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. A founding member with his wife Mary, the early board meetings plus supper were held in his Manhattan apartment. Another was Marion Glaesar, who served as president in 1963.

There were also two other members of historic note. As a U.S. Department of Justice attorney, Edward J. Ennis fought unsuccessfully against the exclusion of the JAs out of the West Coast during WWII. In 1969 he became chairman of the ACLU, the extreme liberal legal organization that did not take the case against President Franklin D. Roosevelt's infamous E.O. 9066 back on Feb. 19, 1942.

Dennis A. Roland was a POW of the Japanese during WWII imprisoned in Thailand where the "Bridge on the River Kwai" was located and made famous by the book and a movie. Though he suffered during imprisonment he had no rancor or hate of his captors. Instead he dedicated his life to becoming a humanitarian and benefactor.

Finally in closing, I must admit that it was difficult to have written a very basic 60-plus years of our chapter especially when I was not there from its inception. The past was also lost due to misplaced records and few historical documents. I must say too that it was enlightening for me to learn of the great people of our chapter's past, some of whom I never had the pleasure of meeting and hope I did justice in writing about. And no doubt there are the deserving individuals not mentioned. To them I ask for forgiveness.

Today our chapter suffers somewhat to survive just as I imagine the Nisei pioneers did in the yesteryears. And as the years become decades, memories fade and founding members pass on but the organization must live on and continue the chapter's legacy of 60 years. We the fading members in the new millennium challenge a new generation to take the chapter standard and venture onward for another 60 years and beyond in our "Greatest City in the World." ■

# Beyond the Good Times of Today

**By FLOYD MORI**
**JACL Nat'l President**

It's not a long time in the scheme of things, but the past 75 years have been the core of the historical legacy of the Japanese American community. During this time we were rejected, ostracized, demeaned, and vilified. Yet the cultural will and determination that we inherited proved strong enough to bring an era of acceptance, accomplishment, and in some areas admiration while at the same time maintaining a sense of community and ethnic pride.

I was born and nurtured in the midst of this struggle for survival and acceptance. During my childhood years, the war raged in the Pacific and the fathers and sons of many of my neighbors went off to fight in the war. It was not long before two of my older brothers donned U.S. Army uniforms, one going off to the European front while the other was shipped off to postwar Japan as a counterintelligence officer. I remember each of them returning home for their final visit before being shipped off. Although they had been the target of racial bigotry, they felt that they had a duty to serve our country.

The European war ended while my one brother was on a ship going to Germany. He returned safe and sound to continue his life, marry and pursue his accounting career in California. My other brother was involved in a terrible airplane crash while stationed in Japan. Although I was a young child at the time, the event of the return of his casket to our home and the funeral are still very vivid in my mind. What a sacrifice to pay for sense of duty.

Although I had heard references to "Camp," I had no understanding what the camps were at that time. Living in Utah at the time of Evacuation, our family was not required to go to camp as did the families from the West Coast. Many of my relatives voluntarily evacuated and came to live near us in Murray, Utah. One family actually lived on our farm during this time. The one bright spot was that I got to know relatives that I would not have come to know as well. I came to appreciate family and the joy that comes with family gatherings. The sense of community and cultural heritage became ingrained in my being.



Floyd Mori in front of the Utah State Capitol.

However, not a lot was positive at that time. As a child I received my share of racial slurs and intolerance. This was a time when I wondered why I had to be a Japanese in the midst of an all white society. It was a time when I did not like being Japanese and was embarrassed that my parents did not speak English like the rest of the parents and that we ate unusual food rather than the typical "meat n' potatoes" meals of my friends. My parents did not participate in the regular community and school activities that my friends' parents did. There was indeed a cultural gap that was amplified by some ongoing racial bigotry.

Now as we fast-forward through two or three generations of

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## Different Paths, Same Destination?

# The Nisei Draft Resisters and the JACL

By ANDY NOGUCHI

What do Internment protester Gordon Hirabayashi, Nisei draft resister Noboru Taguma, World War II veteran Isamu Noguchi (my late father), and many Nisei like them share? In my view, they all made principled, tough decisions during WWII's time of racism and hysteria. They all had the interest of the Japanese American community at heart. They all have my deepest respect for their sacrifices.

Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui, as well as Nisei veterans, have long enjoyed the respect of the JACL. Not so for the Nisei draft resisters. As a supporter of the resisters over the past 10 years, a sponsor of the resolution passed by the national JACL council in 2000, and the co-chair of the National JACL Resister Ceremony in 2002, I saw this gut-wrenching issue firsthand. I'd like to share a few thoughts on what I think recognizing the resisters means to the JACL.



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**National JACL Resister Ceremony in 2002**: Back row (l-r): George Kurasaki (Heart Mountain), Bob Nagahara (Heart Mountain), Halley Minoura (Heart Mountain), Terry Uyemoto (Amache), Takashi Hoshizaki (Heart Mountain), Joyce Emiko Kawasaki (daughter of late Thomas Kawasaki of Amache), Gene Akutsu (Minidoka and for late brother Jim Akutsu). Middle row (l-r): Susumu Yenokida (Amache, also for his late brother Minoru), James Uyeda (Heart Mountain), Noboru Taguma (Amache), Ken Yoshida (Topaz), Harry Yoshikawa (Amache), Joe Norikane (Amache), Gloria Kubota (wife of late Guntaro Kubota of Heart Mountain). Front row (l-r): Yosh Kuromiya (Heart Mountain), Joe Yamakido (Jerome), George Nozawa (Heart Mountain), George Ishikawa (Heart Mountain), Frank Emi (Heart Mountain), Mits Koshiyama (Heart Mountain), Toshi Kawamoto (wife of late David Kawamoto of Heart Mountain), and Dan Kubo (son of late Yoshi Kubo of Amache).

### Who are the Resisters?

During WWII, 315 young JA men refused to be drafted into the U.S. Army from the internment camps. They were ready to fight for their country, but not before the government restored their rights, stopped the racist persecution of JAs, and released their families from imprisonment.

The Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee was the largest organized resistance to incarceration, leading to the largest trial of draft resistance in U.S. history. The government prosecuted them as criminals and many JAs ostracized them as traitors. The national JACL declared, "The group at Heart Mountain definitely should be charged with sedition, especially the leaders."

Most resisters served two years in federal prison. On Christmas 1947, President Harry Truman pardoned the Nisei resisters and recognized their stand for civil rights. Over the next 50 years, many in the community shunned the resisters.

### How did the JACL Come to Recognize the Resisters?

Many of us came upon this story by chance. About 10 years ago, a friend of mine and editor of the *Nichi Bei Times*, Kenji Taguma, introduced my wife and me to some of the Nisei draft resisters. I was amazed to learn about their story, especially since I had been involved in redress efforts for a dozen years and had taught Asian American Studies once. The resisters had been written out of the history books.

Through a grassroots effort by many JACL members in Northern California, the PNW district, Honolulu, Southern California, and across the country, this story sparked interest within the JACL. Contrary to the belief of some, the resisters never asked for a resolution of support. In fact, most were lukewarm towards the idea; some were less than lukewarm. JACL members believed this story had to be told.

The rest is history. After two years of discussions throughout every JACL chapter, the 2000 national council voted 2 to 1 to recognize the resisters' principled stand, issue an apology for not acknowledging them at the time, and organize a public ceremony. The 2002 National JACL Recognition Ceremony in San Francisco, plus the media, told the resisters' story to thousands, made a big step towards community reconciliation, and represented a bold move by the JACL leadership in issuing a public apology.

This program was an historic moment in JA history with 18 surviving Nisei resisters stepping forward to be publicly recognized, the largest such gathering of resisters in recent history. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye's call for reconciliation in a moving video message set the tenor. National JACL President Floyd Mori's heartfelt apology, support from veterans, remarks by religious

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# Social Functions Will Attract More Youth



By ANDREA PARKER

Ever since I have become involved nationally with the JACL, as a member of the National Youth/Student Council, I have been constantly made aware of the need to get more youth involved; it is an issue that will deeply affect the future of the organization. After giving a lot of thought as to how I can personally contribute to a solution, I thought I would just tell my story of why I got involved in the first place.

I know that JACL is a civil rights organization, in its foundation and principles, but there is another aspect that I think many people often overlook or ignore: the social side. If it weren't for this facet, I don't think I would be at all interested in holding the current position I do in the organization. What first pulled me in was the fun part of it, and then came the business part.

As a grade-schooler and then into my teenage years, what I knew of JACL was the holiday parties that I attended. Sure, my mom was heavily involved in the chapter we belonged to and I often questioned her about all the meetings and things she did there, but all I ever did personally was go to the gatherings and enjoy the company of the people and the food.

Every Halloween, Christmas and Easter I could look forward to going to the potluck dinners and seeing people I hadn't talked to since the last party. There was dressing up, playing games and just having some good old fun. My chapter of JACL always sponsored these gatherings and each year — though the attendance varied over time — I was excited when these occasions came around.

Even as I started to grow out of playing games at these parties, I moved on to activities with more responsibility but still within these social functions. I chose to be the one running the games for the really little kids, or I was one of the judges in the costume contest instead of dressing up myself. So I was gradually increasing my involvement in JACL, but still on a social level. That was the key that kept me hooked.

Eventually I came to a point of branching out further and further, until I became a district representative and started working nationally, most recently as a chair of one committee and serving on two others in the planning of the NY/SC convention in St. Louis this past June.

But as I got more deeply involved and had contact with many more people in the organization, I found through talking to many other adult members from around the country that many chapters do not do anything similar to this and I was very surprised. I never thought the sole purpose of JACL should be driven by political issues. I always assumed everyone in JACL thought of the social aspect in the same way as I did . . . and when I found this wasn't the case, I decided it was time to bring some light to it.

If all I had known of JACL when I was young was the paperwork that I saw my mom looking through, the conference calls she was on, and other boring stuff like that, I don't think it ever would have crossed my mind to get more deeply involved. It was because of the introduction to the organization in a more fun, social manner that I later turned to the political aspect as well.

But for those youth who only hear about all the issues we tackle and the meetings, workshops and dinners the adults attend, it makes sense that they wouldn't want to take part. Yes, the civil-rights part of JACL is the most important, but it cannot take over as being all that JACL is about.

The whole reason I wanted to do more with the organization once I was old enough to make that decision was due to how I was "reeled in" when I was younger. So, to all of the young people out there who think that JACL is only for boring old people who want to argue over current events and laws, etc. . . . try to find a social function sponsored by JACL to attend and maybe that will shed light on how much you can enjoy the benefits of being involved.

And to those chapter officers who are struggling to get more young people to join, sponsor fun events for them to see what else JACL can be about. Just meeting new people and being around faces that are friendly, sharing common interests in heritage and culture, can be totally worthwhile for us youngsters. Don't expect to attract and retain youth based solely on the conventions each year. The youth will come and will stay if they are given a smaller, more socially based introduction and then are gently weaned into the more serious aspects gradually.

For years to come in this organization, it is going to be very critical to find these young people and get them wanting to take part in what we're all about. And make sure they know that what we're all about isn't just in issues, concerns and problems; it can be something they want to do too. ■

*Andrea Parker is the current Mountain Plains district representative on the* Pacific Citizen *editorial board.*



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# The USA Patriot Act and the JA Community



By PHIL SHIGEKUNI

It has been over 15 years since President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Civil Liberties Act which provided redress for Japanese Americans who were deprived of their rights under our constitution. After two more years of struggle with Congress an apology signed by President George Bush senior and a token payment was paid to those who managed to survive the World War II internment.

Since that time much has been done to educate the American public about our experience: California, for example, has provided funds to allow for various educational projects. A stated intent of this effort was to ensure that similar constitutional violations would not happen to any other group of people in America.

Tragically, the trauma of 9/11 has resulted in serious harm to Muslims, including those from the Middle East and South East Asia. The final report of the appointed presidential commission which investigated the JA incarceration concluded that the internment resulted from war hysteria, racial prejudice and a failure of political leadership. Our government's reaction to 9/11 has shown evidence of each of the above elements.

The USA Patriot Act and other sweeping measures were passed by Congress shortly after 9/11. There was little debate, and many congressional members did not read the lengthy document before the vote.

These laws gave the government unprecedented authority in a number of areas: It expanded the ability of the FBI to wiretap phones and computers; it also permitted the FBI to obtain medical, library, educational and financial records without finding probable cause, and it criminalizes anyone who reports they have revealed such records.

It allows the FBI to conduct "sneak and peek" searches of homes and businesses without notice. In addition, the Patriot Act threatens to criminalize legitimate protest activities and stifle dissent by expanding terrorism to include "domestic terrorism." Persons and organizations thus participating would be subject to wiretapping, harassment and criminal action.

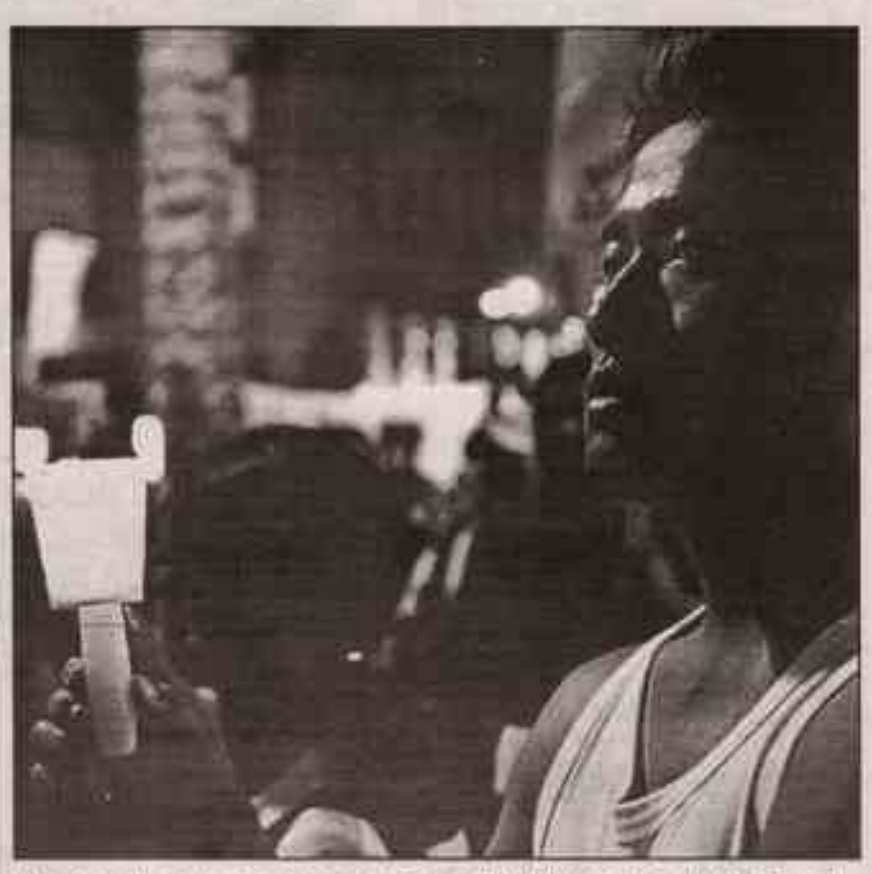
And what should be of particular note for JAs, it permits suspects who have not been convicted of any crime to be detained indefinitely without judicial review. Immigrants suspected of terrorist activity can be imprisoned and not re-admitted into the United States solely because of their speech or organizational activities.

After signing the Patriot Act President George Bush has put into effect many executive orders, regulations and policies which further threaten our civil liberties and rights. Eight thousand Arab and South Asian immigrants were interrogated solely because of their religious or ethnic background. Thousands of Arab and South Asian men have been held for months, sometimes without any charges being filed against them. The government has refused to publish the names of these men and their whereabouts, even when ordered to do so by the courts.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has allowed the FBI to spy on religious and political organizations without any charge of wrongdoing. President Bush has allowed military commissions to try non-citizens who can

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Hundreds gather at the corner of Hollywood and Highland in Los Angeles on July 19 to protest against the Patriot Act and to challenge the ongoing attacks on immigrants, especially those of Arab, South Asian or African backgrounds.

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**By JOHN TATEISHI**
**JACL Executive Director**

In 2004, the JACL celebrates its 75th anniversary. Seventy-five years: that's quite an achievement. When I was a kid growing up, just living to 75 was a major achievement. Today, it's practically expected.

There isn't any other organization I've ever been associated or involved with that has existed 75 years. But the JACL has survived three-quarters of a century, a remarkable achievement when you think of all the obstacles that stood in the way.

It's remarkable when you think about a bunch of young Japanese Americans, college age and inexperienced in politics, equipped with little more than their sense of bravado and their courage and conviction, coming together to challenge the U.S. government's discriminatory laws that undermined the rights of JAs and other Asians; a bold proposition at a time when in reality, JAs had very few rights as citizens of this nation, and a time when JAs rarely could get decent professional jobs in mainstream America.

But the JACL, under a young Nisei leadership, did challenge the U.S. government and one-by-one took on discriminatory statutes in California, Washington, Oregon and other western states aimed at JAs. And throughout its 75-year history, the JACL has always remained true to its original purpose and mission, which has been to challenge social injustice targeting JAs and others victimized by bigotry in this country.

One of our most remarkable achievements as an organization, of course, was the redress campaign. Having launched the public campaign in 1978 as the redress committee chair and having lobbied in Washington, D.C., on redress legislation as the JACL's redress director, I *know* how significant this organization's work and efforts were in that monumental campaign.

Make no mistake about it: no matter what claims others may make, I can tell you without equivocation that the redress effort would not have happened, and it certainly would not have been successful, without the JACL's initiatives and involvement from beginning to end. All JACLers can be very proud of that effort because this organization was so fundamental to the success of one of the most remarkable grassroots campaigns in this nation's history.

But times are changing and we can't live on the laurels of the past. What the JACL has been in the past isn't necessarily what it should be in the future. I strongly believe that it's important we continue our mission as a civil rights organization dedicated to fighting bigotry and injustices committed against Asian Americans.

Racism will always exist in this country so long as we're a democracy that welcomes diversity, and with the explosive growth of the Asian Pacific American population over the past 20 years and the continued growth in the future, there will be a need for a strong and committed civil rights organization dedicated to protecting civil rights of AAs.

But what is our future as an organization? We're learning that for the Yonsei, the JACL as a civil rights organization isn't necessarily a compelling attraction. It's not that they don't believe in civil rights or that they don't see a need for an organization to fight bigotry aimed at AAs. It's that times have changed and the challenges in their lives may be different from those of the Nisei and Sansei generations. And so maybe it's time the JACL began a serious process of undergoing a change in its thinking and direction.

As I've stated, I firmly believe a primary focus of the JACL should continue to be civil rights because we haven't yet reached a point of full acceptance, and we have a long way to go in this nation before there will be no need to combat racism and bigotry aimed at people of Asian ancestry.

But this doesn't preclude the JACL expanding its vision and broadening its focus to include other concerns and to address the needs of younger generations. The viability of the JACL over the next 75 years will depend on this.

This has been a remarkable organization for so many years, and it's been a privilege and honor for me to have had the opportunity to be a part of the JACL. I have a great deal of faith that the next 75 years will hold the same promise for the future. All we have to do is help it get there.

Happy holidays and best wishes to all of you for 2004 and the coming years. ■



John Tateishi (fourth from left) attends a Day of Remembrance ceremony in San Francisco on Feb. 19, 1983, commemorating the 41st anniversary of E.O. 9066.



**Bi-District Conference and Minidoka Monument Pilgrimage, June 29.** Friend of Minidoka luncheon speaker, Dan Sakura, from Washington, D.C., visits the Minidoka barrack building at Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum in Jerome, Idaho, with his father, Dr. J. David Sakura, sister and mother from Arlington, Maryland. David was in Minidoka as a child.



(L-r): Dr. Sharon Ishii Jordan, JACL Omaha chapter; Greg Marutani, JACL San Francisco chapter; and, teacher Patty Koyama at the social studies teachers' in-service training on "Parallels to 9/11" in Boise, Idaho, in October. (Photo by Maya Hata Lemmon)

## HATA LEMMON

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Conference in St. Louis. Sandy Bosteder, the youth advisor, is to be commended for making it happen. The students who attended came back glowing from the experience!

In June 2003, the bi-district conference included a Dutch oven dinner in the Snake River canyon. Our v.p. Ron James, took attendees on a pontoon boat ride up the river; a bonus for boat riders was seeing BASE jumpers parachuting off the Perrinne Bridge! In Twin Falls, it's still legal to jump off the Bridge!

Sawtooth member and professor Roger Shimomura, who was in Minidoka as a child, came from the University of Kansas to give a slide presentation of his Minidoka art. Member Dan Sakura, now legislative director for Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington, was the speaker for the Friends of Minidoka luncheon. Dan's father, Dr. J. David Sakura (who was in Minidoka), Dan's mother and sister flew in from Arlington, Md., to attend; other Sakura family members were on the Minidoka pilgrimage. Also, David Masuo, PNW governor, flew from Alaska to M.C. our banquet!

**PRESS:** The conference and pilgrimage received NATIONAL press coverage! A PBS crew was on the bus. We had front-page local coverage and Associated Press and *New York Times*' articles. Co-sponsors Seattle chapter of the JACL, Emily Momohara of Friends of Minidoka (www.friendsofminidoka.org), and Saren Sakurai of Halvsie are to be congratulated for making the Minidoka pilgrimage trip memorable for those who attended! Thanks, everyone, for coming! We'll have to see what follows! ■

*On behalf of various organizations, Maya Hata Lemmon wrote the Minidoka recommendations letters dated Dec. 28, 2000, to then Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt, which is included in his "Report to the President." She formerly worked in housing and was one of the principal organizers and first director of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley, Inc.*

## SHIGEKUNI

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be convicted based on hearsay and secret evidence.

And lastly, American citizens suspected of terrorism are being held indefinitely in military custody without being charged, and without access to lawyers. Early in November Army Captain James Yee was charged with taking classified material home in unapproved containers. Additional charges may follow.

Yee was born in New Jersey and attended West Point. He converted to the Islamic faith and at the time of his arrest was serving as chaplain to Muslims being held at Guantanamo Marine Base in Cuba. His case is being closely followed by activists in the Asian American community in that it bears striking similarities to the case of Wen Ho Lee who was suspected of spying and was later issued an apology by a federal judge.

Last September, President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft campaigned vigorously to expand the provisions of the Patriot Act (called Patriot Act II). They have been meeting strong opposition from Republicans as well as Democrats, members of Congress and ordinary citizens, who are asking whether the Patriot Act unduly restricts liberties and contains unconstitutional provisions. Many news articles covering the subject mention the incarceration of JAs as a precedent not to be repeated.

The JA community has made notable efforts to reach out to the Muslim community. Shortly after 9/11 the West Valley United Methodist Church in the San Fernando Valley sponsored a public program featuring presentations by Muslim and Arab speakers.

The Senshin Buddhist Church in Los Angeles has had ongoing dialogue with a mosque, and for the past two years has observed the end of Ramadan with the mosque. The NCRR has sponsored educational programs promoting greater understanding of Middle East and South East Asians and also featured Arab and Muslim speakers at its annual Day of Remembrance.

In June, all the Southern California Nikkei United Methodist ministers signed a petition at their annual conference urging members of the conference to express their disapproval of the Patriot Act to their congressional representatives.

In July a group of JAs attended a candlelight vigil in memory of the 13,000 Middle East and South East Asian immigrants who have either disappeared or been targeted by the INS for deportation for technical violations of immigration law.

> "National JACL has made strong statements condemning discrimination against Muslims, Arabs, and South East Asians."

Speaking at the rally representing our community was Mark Masaoka, nephew of Mike Masaoka.

Close to 200 civic organizations and various cities, Hawaii and Alaska have issued resolutions opposing the Patriot Act, and the City Council of Los Angeles is currently considering such a resolution. June Kuwatani is part of an ACLU coalition working on gathering signatures for a petition prior to presenting the resolution to the city council. I am certain that throughout the country there are individuals as well as JACL chapters and other community groups doing their part.

National JACL has made strong statements condemning discrimination against Muslims, Arabs, and South East Asians. I was inspired by the courage shown by Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta as he resisted establishing a policy which would profile Middle Eastern and South East Asian persons for greater scrutiny at airport check points. In early November, Fred Korematsu, who successfully challenged the evacuation order, and who was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Clinton in 1998, went to Washington, D.C., to file a brief on behalf of the hundreds of Muslims being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without hearings or access to U.S. courts.

It is encouraging to know about some in our community who have taken the responsibility of helping to defend and build better understanding of Middle Eastern and South East Asian communities. Perhaps, to the extent we identify with them, we can derive some measure of meaning to our wartime experience. ■

*Phil Shigekuni is the civil rights chair for the JACL San Fernando Valley chapter.*

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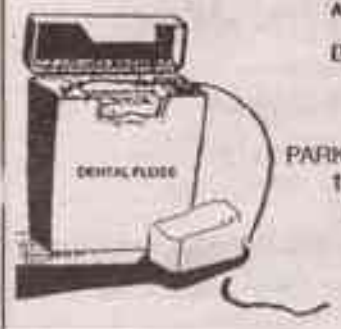
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By LARRY ODA

Reflecting on the 75th anniversary of JACL, the JACL of the Monterey Peninsula has a notable history in the Monterey Bay area, while not quite as long.

The Monterey Peninsula chapter initially served to educate and assist the Issei with immigration, tax and other issues, then gradually assimilated into the larger community. One of the ways that this came about was through sports.

We were fortunate to have some gifted athletes in our chapter. The Monterey Peninsula chapter-sponsored Minato Athletic Club distinguished itself throughout the state in baseball, basketball and track events. From about 1934 to the outbreak of the war, the Monterey Minato virtually dominated all other teams within the Central California Coast Counties Athletic Association (4CAA). Whether it was baseball, track or basketball, the Minato seldom lost and seemed to be perennial champions.




1935 Minato: Members of the 1935 Minato Baseball team that won the 4CAA Championship. Kneeling, l to r: Bob Sakamoto, Roy Hattori, Mas Higashi, John Gota and Jim Takigawa. Standing, l to r: Yo Tabata, Ky Miyamoto, Kaz Oka, Archie Miyamoto, Jim Tabata and Haruo Esaki.

What their history added to the community went far beyond what the athletes accomplished on the field. If you look around the Japanese community on the Monterey Peninsula today, it is not surprising to see that many of the current leaders are associated in some way with the two generations of athletes who excelled with the Monterey Minato.

In 1938, to participate in the City of Monterey Independence Day parade, instead of a float that only a few could ride, the chapter decided to make a very large American flag that would require a substantial number of people to carry. In determining the flag size they could make, Grace (Kodama) Ito calculated the proportions based on the material available. At that time the largest bolt of material you could purchase was 36 inches wide so the size of the flag was determined using a 36-inch stripe. A calculation was made to determine the correct length of the flag and size of the blue field and stars. The finished size of the flag is approximately 40 by 70 feet.

This flag has been immensely popular and has been loaned to other chapters for their special events and parades. It has traveled primarily in California but has gone east to Idaho, for a parade welcoming the World War II Nisei veterans home. This 65-year-old flag had begun to show its age, and in August 2001 it was carried for the last time in the Los Angeles Nisei Week parade and donated to the Japanese American National Museum for their permanent collection.

Another, more recent, chapter product that has reached beyond the local community is our book. In the early 1990s a committee was formed to put together the oral histories of the Issei and Nisei of our chapter. The result is "The Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula, Their History and Legacy 1895-1995" by Dr. David Yamada.

David was a political science instructor at Monterey Peninsula College, former chapter president and executive board member of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific district. The chapter is very proud of this chronicle of the chapter's history and it has been chosen as a membership premium for a San Jose Public Television appeal promoting a documentary of the community's return from the internment camps, "Return to the Valley."

The chapter has involved itself in many other community activities through the years. Some of these are the perennial Japanese community picnic, Day of Remembrance observance and annual installation ban-



Monterey Peninsula JACL parades their flag for the first time in 1938.


The Monterey Peninsula chapter flag in its last parade in August 2001 during Los Angeles' Nisei Week.

quet. Our community picnic has been a cooperative effort with a number of community organizations but more recently the core group consists of the El Estero Presbyterian Church, Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple and Nisei VFW Post 1629.

Our annual Day of Remembrance observance at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds, site of the Salinas Assembly Center, is a shared responsibility with our neighboring chapters who were also assembled there in 1942: Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and Gilroy. It was with this group that we decided in 1997 to host the 2000 JACL national convention. This cooperative effort resulted in a very successful and popular convention.

The efforts of many people made the 2000 convention a memorable event for our chapter. John Tateishi, our then new national director, made it possible for U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to be our Sayonara Banquet keynote speaker. Col. Harry Fukuhara, through his contacts at the Pentagon, arranged the appearance of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki for the Veterans Tribute Dinner. Judy Niizawa obtained the services of newly nominated U.S. Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta to act as master of ceremonies. Other distinguished attendees at the convention included U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, EEOC Vice-Chair Paul Igaski and author Helen Zia.

Our convention welcome mixer was a big hit because it was held off site at the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium and featured a program with local fishing legends, abalone diver Roy Hattori and commercial fisherman Frank Manaka. The welcome mixer was additionally unique because Tim Thomas, historian, produced the program from the Maritime Museum of Monterey. The cooperation between the museum and aquarium was unprecedented and only occurred because of the influence of JACL in our community.

In 2001, the chapter assisted in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). Established in late 1941, this was the very first foreign language military intelligence school in the 160-year history of the American military. The school was eventually named the Defense Language Institute (DLI) and relocated to Monterey. All except two of the first graduates of the MIS were Nisei. Because of this, along with the fact that MIS veteran Col. Harry Fukuhara had helped our convention by contacting Gen. Shinseki, we were happy to help them with their celebration.

The recent endeavor that has gained the chapter a fair amount of community recognition is our assistance in a $65,000 campaign to obtain a rare Chiura Obata mural for California State University at Monterey Bay. This task was made somewhat simple because Obata was a frequent visitor to Monterey and became a friend of the Monterey chapter. His wife, Haruko, a famous Ikebana instructor in her own right, often donated her flower arrangements to chapter functions. In addition to this, Obata's son-in-law, Eugene Kodani, is a Monterey native.

Our involvement in this campaign led to recognition as the "Outstanding Philanthropic Service Organization" for the 2003 Monterey Bay Region National Philanthropy Day awards luncheon Nov. 13.

Since 1963, as part of our mission to promote our cultural heritage, we have sponsored a Japanese Language School in our building. This school has accreditation with local high schools for foreign language credits. In our accreditation hearings with the Monterey School Board, our justification was that our students would learn over 400 Kanji characters in the course of studies as compared to 150-200 at the local community college in a two-year program. Our principal, Rev. Kisan Ueno, was the instructor at the college and was aware of the differing achievement levels. We are fortunate to have the DLI and Monterey Institute of International Studies from where we can draw instructors.

Also, as part of the commitment to preserve our cultural heritage, we assist our neighbor chapters with their projects. We are currently participating in a campaign to renovate the prewar Castroville Japanese Schoolhouse. Through the efforts of a former Monterey resident who is a former student at that school, Kunio "Ace" Sumida, it has been placed on the list of historic places and has been nominated as a National Historic Landmark. The Monterey County Redevelopment Agency and North Monterey County Park Department are trying to raise money to complete the project.

Concurrently, we have successfully had our own hall designated a City of Monterey Historic Property of regional significance and we will be working for recognition as a Historic Landmark. Our building was erected in 1926 by the Nihonjin-Kai (Japanese Association) and was transferred to JACL in 1942. It has been used continuously as a cultural and educational center for the community. It was the site of the 1941 district convention which confronted the impending war with Japan with two resolutions affirming its allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, and to support and participate in national defense activities. It was at this convention that Mike Masaoka met his future bride, Etsu Mineta.

The Monterey Peninsula chapter has been involved in the larger community as well as helping our own members. We face the same difficulties as many other JA

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Obata Committee: Standing in front of the Chiura Obata mural at California State University at Monterey Bay (l-r): University Advancement Director Dr. Chris Hasegawa, Sally Smith, Sue Antle, Kimi Kodani Hill, and Larry Oda, chapter president.

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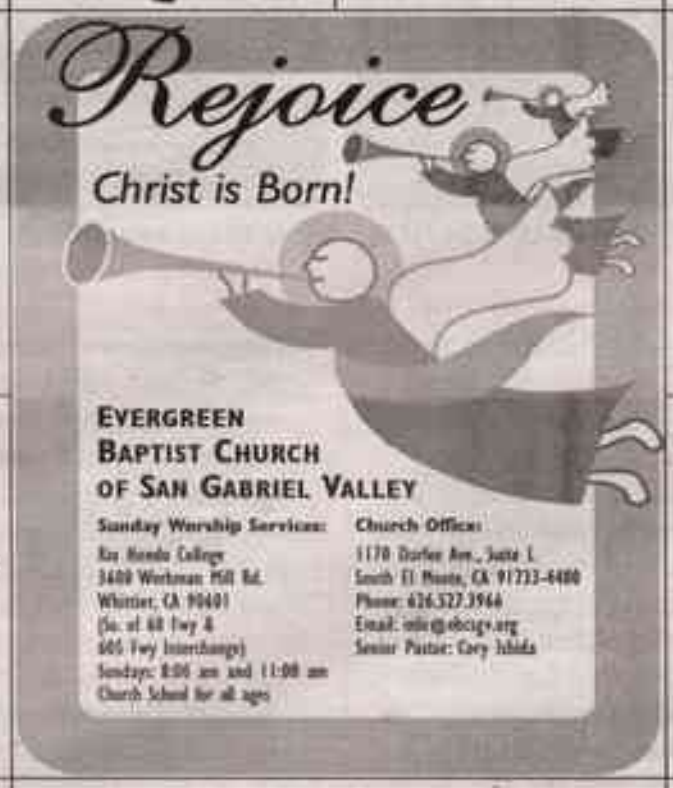
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# A HAVEN FROM SHAME:

# THE SEABROOK NIKKEI SAGA



By JOHN FUYUUME

October 1994 was the 50th anniversary celebration of the coming of Nikkei from World War II relocation centers to Seabrook Farms, N.J. A Philadelphia television station broadcast the story of 2,500 Nikkei starting life over in Seabrook. The basis for the documentary was the gathering of over 650 Seabrookers from around the world on the occasion of their third reunion. The program took its theme from a *New York Times* article of July 29, 1994, about Seabrook titled "A Haven From Shame."

## The Farm

During WWII, Seabrook Farms was the largest integrated farm and frozen food factory in the world. The operation covered 40,000 acres of company-owned and company-contracted land stretching over three states. In a feature photo article in 1955, *Life Magazine* called Seabrook Farms "The Biggest Vegetable Factory on Earth."

Little known to most Americans, the development of frozen vegetables and fruits began at Seabrook. A major food supplier for the military, Seabrook Farms was often visited by representatives from the armed forces, who stressed the company's important contribution to the war effort. The founder of Seabrook Farms was Charles Franklin Seabrook, whom *Forbes Magazine* dubbed the Henry Ford of Agriculture. During the company's peak, three sons were an integral part of management.





## WWII

In 1944, a labor shortage occurred at Seabrook Farms when men were drafted into the army and the women left for higher-paying jobs in the shipyards. George Sakamoto came to Seabrook from Amache, Colo., relocation camp in January 1944 to look for a place to bring his family. He impressed management with his work ethic and character. Sensing a new source of labor, John Seabrook, the youngest son of C. F. Seabrook, approached the Eastern Defense Command to determine if those now being allowed to leave the camps could be employed at Seabrook Farms. Thus began the recruitment of internees from the relocation centers.

The War Relocation Authority (WRA) advertised Seabrook Farms as a place of employment when it decided to close the camps in 1944. In that same year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Mitsue Endo Writ of Habeas Corpus case concluded that any loyal American could not be incarcerated with-



out cause. Seabrook Farms was soon to become the largest employer of Japanese Americans held in U.S. relocation camps.

## Relocation

The first person to relocate to Seabrook Farms was the late George Sakamoto from the Amache



camp in January 1944. Ellen Nakamura, the first woman, came in April 1944 as a member of the Jerome Relocation Commission along with Fuju Sasaki (presently over 100 years old) to survey whether family relocation was feasible.

To determine the origin of Issei and Nisei settlers in Seabrook, the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center is currently working on a census based on data gathered from the WRA closing documents and other sources. The preliminary results show: Gila – 385; Granada Amache – 110; Heart Mountain – 164; Jerome – 22; Manzanar – 484; Minidoka – 50; Poston – 466; Rohwer – 323; Topaz – 49; Tule Lake – 219; Crystal City – 250*; and 442nd – 9. (* Approximate — reference Crystal City 50th Reunion, p. 224, and "Adios To Tears," p.179.)

Some settlers joined their families after serving in the much-decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Kazuto Taniguchi enlisted while in the Poston Relocation Center. Despite the ignominy of internment, Seabrook Issei remained loyal to the United States.

The year 1953 brought the then largest swearing-in ceremony, where 276 Seabrook Issei became American citizens. Mike Masaoka, then JACL Washington, D.C., representative, was instrumental in the passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration Law that enabled the naturalization of the Issei. During the 1953 10th anniversary celebration of the release of the Nikkei from the camps, Masaoka honored the Seabrook "gold star mothers" of WWII and the Korean War.

Relocation brought to Seabrook Michi Nishiura Weglyn, author of "Years of Infamy" and recipient of three honorary degrees. She worked summers at the Seabrook factory as a disc jockey while attending college and was a USO volunteer.

By 1949, a majority of the Nikkei began leaving Seabrook to pursue careers elsewhere. This required Seabrook Farms to begin bringing refugees from Europe, the largest group being the Estonians. Those youngsters who grew up in Seabrook have fond memories despite substandard housing. Their parents worked 12-hour shifts in the factory, requiring nursery school, day camps, and community house activities to occupy them, which they now remember, while their night-shift parent slept.

The Peruvian Japanese kidnapped by the U.S. government and interned in the Crystal City, Texas, Justice Department Camp came to Seabrook under relaxed internment following the end of WWII. Outstanding among this group were Ginzo Murono, who testified before Congress on the plight of the Peruvian Japanese; his son Seiki, a football star at Bridgeton High and later an executive of Chase Manhattan Bank; and Seiichi Higashide, author of "Adios to Tears."

## Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC)

In 1989, the Seabrook chapter of JACL initiated a project to preserve the rich settlement history of the community. Funding came from various sources, initially with the generous monetary donations from Seabrook recipients of U.S. government redress for incarceration during WWII.

The culmination was the official opening in 1994 of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center, a museum and research facility dedicated "to preserve and make known the unique history of Seabrook NJ, where peoples of different races and cultural heritage were given an opportunity for a new start in life." Current and former Seabrook residents have contributed their time and talents to the retelling of the history, from the center design to the collection of artifacts, models, artwork, and literature. Lying at the core of the exhibition are thousands of historic company photographs taken of factory and village events.

In addition to presenting public exhibitions, SECC also serves as a research facility for writers, producers, newspaper reporters, and college students from as far away as Europe and Asia. Administered and staffed by volunteers, the museum and research facility are housed in the Upper Deerfield Township Municipal Building in Seabrook. The Upper Deerfield Township Committee strongly affirms that the Seabrook story, of which the Nikkei saga plays a major part, is important to the history of not only the township but also New Jersey and the nation. ■

*John Fuyuume is the SECC project director and past president (1953) of Seabrook JACL and is its current treasurer.*



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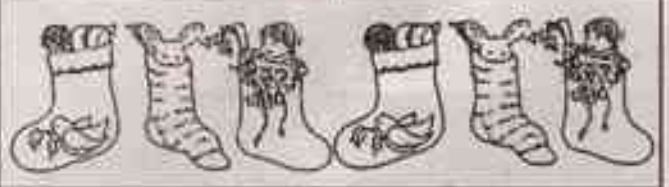
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# Memories of JACL



By
LILLIAN KIMURA

As I thought about JACL turning 75, I realized that I have been a member for almost two-thirds of that time. I joined in 1955 because it was my opinion that, like it or not, JACL spoke for the Japanese American community. It was the only game in town so I wanted to have input in defining what the message was going to be. I am grateful that over the years I have had the opportunity to participate in the process, to meet so many good people and to give something back to the community. There are so many memories that I wanted to share some of them in this Holiday Issue.

Shortly after joining JACL I was elected to the Chicago chapter board. In those days, the chapter was very active. We got together regularly for general meetings and special events such as the sukiyaki dinners during Brotherhood Week in February, fund-raising carnivals at Olivet Community Center, joint meetings with the Urban League, and more. My mentor was Abe Hagiwara, program director at Olivet, who spearheaded the youth activities for national JACL. I became the first advisor to the chapter's Junior JACL.

I have been to every national convention since the first one I attended in 1970 in Chicago. It was held in the era of the civil rights movement and I remember at one of the plenary sessions Warren Furutani, other youth staff and youth members put on what I would call a demonstration. It was their way of saying JACL must be more active and visible in that movement. Activist Yuri Kochiyama of New York was a keynote speaker. It was exciting and inspiring. On the other hand, the attack on two teens in the Junior JACL and the death of one of them created quite a damper on that convention. Still today, our hearts go out to the families.

At the 1972 convention, I remember Edison Uno urging us to do something about reparations for our incarceration during World War II. And in 1982, John Dean, former counsel to President Nixon, advised us that we should use the term "redress" rather than "reparations."

I remember at the 1988 convention in Seattle I was chair of the Resolutions Committee and we dealt with issues such as the "No-No boys" and the draft resisters. I remember holding Mike Masaoka and Min Yasui to the time limit for debates and

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# Feb. 19: DOR –

## Day of Remembrance for the Bloodiest Beachhead in the Pacific



By
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AMONG AMERICANS of Japanese ancestry, Feb. 19 is observed as a Day of Remembrance (DOR), the day President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which legalized the detention of Japanese Americans in 1942. We remember so as not to forget. And three years later, the same date, the horrendous battle of Iwojima began as U.S. Marines landed — its 3rd, 4th and 5th Divisions combined as the V Amphibious Corps.

In American eyes, the capture and occupation of Iwojima in the Central Pacific, around 700 miles south of Tokyo, was strategic to the projected aerial campaign against the Japanese home islands. The B-29 Superfortress, the four-engine aircraft loaded with four tons of bombs, had a range of 3,500 miles. The B-29 air raids from Iwo, Tinian and Saipan in the Central Pacific against Japan are another story. What happened during the evening hours of March 9 and predawn March 10 (over Tokyo) was that the largest slaughter of humans in world history was about to take place, James Bradley reminds in his latest book about World War II, "Flyboys: a True Story of Courage" [2003].

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The capture of Iwojima was the bloodiest battle in U.S. Marine Corps history — a history that dates from colonial times. It took 36 days (what was expected to be 14) for the largest force of U.S. Marines ever assembled under one command, with 6,821 Americans killed and close to 20,000 wounded, according to Ronald Spector's "Eagle Against the Sun: the American War with Japan" [1985]. The Japanese force, estimated at 21,000, all died defending Iwo except for 216 prisoners of war. John Toland, in "The Rising Sun: the Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire 1936-1945," describes over 30 pages the day-to-day encounters on the volcanic island where the Japanese had built airfields.



This general view shows amtracs bogged down in the sands along the beaches of Iwojima after the American invasion of the Japanese stonghold in 1945 during World War II. In the background, U.S. Marines and the Coast Guard beach parties operate communications and command posts and foxhole "hospitals" as assaut troops push back the enemy from established beaches on the Volcano island. (AP Photo/ U.S. Coast Guard)

Iwojima was part of the Bonin Islands (the Ogasawara chain of 20 islands), its weather station radio at Chichi-shima (about 200 miles north of Iwo) being able to alert Japan of bomber strikes. That the Bonins were first settled by New England whalers and Hawaiian kanakas in 1830 is yet another story. Manjiro also engaged in whaling activities in the Bonins during his eight years as John Mung in America. In 1853 Commodore Perry visited Chichi, bent on opening ports in and trade with Japan. In 1861 Japan claimed the islands to be administered as part of Tokyo-fu prefecture.

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It pays to remember

another Feb. 19 (of 1945). "Yankee Samurai, the Secret Role of Nisei in America's Pacific Victory" by Joe Harrington was perhaps the first book published in 1969 to disclose the actions of Nisei linguists who were assigned to the Navy and the Marine Corps. War correspondent Lyn Crost devotes a whole chapter, "No. 26 — Caves of Hell," in her book: "Honor by Fire, Japanese at War in Europe and the Pacific" [1994].

Thousands of MIS veterans responded to Harrington's requests by letters, phone calls, snapshots and interviews to help tell their stories. In perusing the many books about WWII in the Pacific, their valuable accomplishments or hint of Nisei GIs in this theater are hardly or seldom mentioned.

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The remarkable account of Nobuo Furuiye of Denver (an almost forgotten face in a photo of JACLers, local and national, who prepared the first postwar national JACL convention in 1946) relates his translating the personal papers of Col. Takeishi Nishi, the 1932 Olympic equestrian who had a wide circle of friends in America. "Ironically, he died in one of our tanks that they had captured and turned against us," Furuiye told Harrington.

Nob and other Nisei with the 5th Marines landed on D-Day + 1 (Feb. 20) under heavy mortar fire. For the first three days, the linguists were "just staying alive" and moved inward about 300 yards from the beach. On the fourth day, they were able to stick their necks out of the sandy foxhole and saw "our naval guns shelling the enemy bunkers, hardly damaged and practically all intact."

Enemy and friendly fire were so thick on the beaches, Furuiye said, "that our dead and theirs had to lie where they were for three days." He later interrogated one POW at our hospital, "badly burned by one of our flamethrowers … All I got from him was that his home was in Tokyo and a request that I forward a message to his wife." Badly burned, nothing like an address could be recovered.

It was D-Day + 5, when he and his Marine bodyguard (in combat MIS Nisei were always accompanied by a Caucasian bodyguard to assure their personal safety) were wounded by mortar shrapnel and went to the Navy aid station to have their wounds treated. At the 1993 MIS Capital Reunion in Washington, D.C., Nob revealed that it took a better part of three years after the war to receive his Purple Heart — thanks through efforts of a Marine Corps general (Maj. Gen. Henry Larson, USMC). His Marine Corps bodyguard had received his Purple Heart at the aid station, no doubt.

As recorded by military historian Stephen Faulk and chief of the Asian section at the Library of Congress Warren Tsuneishi (both MISLS graduates) in "American Patriots: MIS in the War Against Japan" [1995], after Iwojima Nob was dispatched to Guam as an interpreter and observer for three Japanese soldiers charged with cannibalism and who had confessed after being captured by the Seabees (Navy Construction Battalion). They were caught trying to steal food from a Navy galley.

The prosecuting officer, Col. Teller Ammons, former governor of Colorado, introduced the Coloradan Furuiye to his brother-in-law, Gen. Larson, then commander of Guam. The three became fast friends after the war. Ammons was then Colorado civil defense commander and the three occasionally lunched together in Denver sharing war stories. It was at one of these lunches that Nob told Larson of his experiences at Iwojima. Because Nob, being "attached" or not recognized, as a linguist with the Marine Corps, did not receive any official documentation at the aid station other than a note he was treated on such a date and returned to duty several days later. That was not written in his service record.

Nob's most important contribution to the Iwojima campaign, according to Harrington, "and perhaps the war as a whole," was eliciting from another POW that he was a cipher specialist who had become cooperative as the result of decent treatment by his captors. That instant, the Marines put him on a Honolulu-bound plane.

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That the Navy Department or the Marine Corps, a part of the Navy, made no official documentation during WWII of the work done by over 100 Nisei remains a doubly sad commentary of Nisei MISers to this day.

Photographer Joe Rosenthal, whose picture of Marines raising the Flag at Mt. Suribachi and sculptured in brass at Arlington National Cemetery, is among the relatively few who appreciated the accomplishments of the Nisei linguists in "The MIS Album" [1946], and quoted in "Honor by Fire," p. 225: "They work so close to the enemy that along with the danger of being killed by the Japs they run the risk of being shot unintentionally by our own Marines … They have done an outstanding job and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by Marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleilu and Iwo." ■



U.S. Marines of the 28th Regiment of the Fifth Division raise the American flag after capturing the 550-foot Mt. Suribachi on Iwojima, the largest Volcano Islands of Japan, on Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II. (AP Photo/ Joe Rosenthal)

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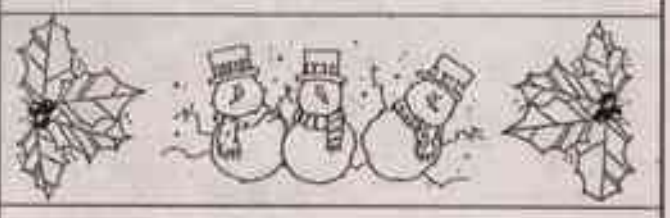
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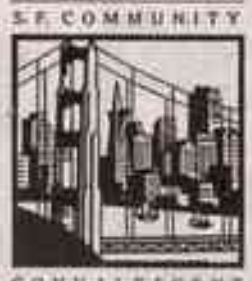
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# Two JACL Women Who Have Made a Difference

By RAYMOND UNO

In thinking about JACL's 75th anniversary, women have played a significant but unsung role over the years. Recently, I have had the good fortune to cross paths with two lifelong JACL women who have made a difference. Both are seniors, both active all their lives, and both still demonstrating the strength and nobility of the Japanese American woman.

Although there are many others who would probably be as outstanding, these two were part of this year's life's adventure for me in a somewhat intimate and memorable way: Alice Kasai of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mary Kawakami of American Fork, Utah. To me, these two are the epitome of the majestic Japanese womanhood of our Issei and Nisei women in this country: humble, hard working and persevering, reflecting the legendary tradition of sacrifice and devotion to family and loved ones.

## Alice Fumiyo Kasai

I became acquainted with Alice Kasai around 1953 or 1954. I had just transferred from Weber Jr. College in Ogden, Utah, to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The tuition at Weber was $15 per quarter and jumped to $45 per quarter at the University of Utah, a two-by-four smack-on-the-head increase for me. Although, I really chuckle about that now. But it was my good fortune to run into Alice at some function in Salt Lake. Essentially being a stranger to Salt Lake (I just finished a four-year hitch in the service, most of it overseas), Alice came up to me and asked my name and where I was from. There was created an instant bond and she became a mentor, advisor, and friend in an acquaintanceship which continues to this day.

Alice has worked in the trenches all her life. Whether it was the JACL (she was the unpaid secretary and historian for 25 continuous years for the Intermountain District Council and also served as the Salt Lake JACL chapter president), Parent Teachers Association, the Utah chapter of the United Nations (past president), the Japanese Peace Garden, the Matsumoto-Salt Lake City Sister City Committee, Salt Lake Council of Women, the Utah State Women's Legislative Council, the YWCA, or the Asian Association of Utah, her time, talent, home and telephone have always been open for anyone



Floyd Mori, JACL national president, presents a plaque to Alice Kasai at the "Tribute to Alice Kasai" dinner held recently in Utah.

and every organization. She was not just a member of these many organizations, but she rose to the rank of executive committee or officer.

What is remarkable about her accomplishments and activities is that she has never driven a car and never had the benefit of a college education because she devoted her life, also, to her husband and family of six children. However, most of what she has accomplished was after the passing of her beloved and influential husband, Henry, almost 30 years ago. She does not complain about her own hardships and rarely, if ever, have I heard her speak unkindly of anyone — a giant plus for anyone in this age of pettiness and egos. I can attest to her loyalty, in good times and bad, and humanitarian way of life, certainly human qualities needed in our society today.

As a token and gesture for what she has done for this community and state, a small committee was formed to pay our respects in what was called the "Tribute to Alice Kasai." This coincided with her 88th birthday held a year early and in accordance with the Japanese tradition of being a year old on birth and the seemingly deteriorating condition of her health.



Alice Kasai (bottom right) is joined by family and friends at the recent tribute dinner in Utah. Standing (l-r) are her son Hershey, daughter Lisa, Emi Toland and Una Nakamura. Sitting next to Kasai is her friend Kimi.

The committee chairs, Jane Sakashita and Ted Nagata, both longtime JACLers, did an admirable job. Especially Jane, another woman of grace and nobility, who tirelessly organized and personally directed an exemplary execution of the tribute. The Honorary Committee consisted of some of the most prominent people of Salt Lake and Utah including Gov. Mike Leavitt; Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson; former First Lady Mrs. Scott (Norma) Matheson; His Excellency Koichiro Seki, Consul General of Japan; Helen Papanikolas, prominent author and writer; and I.J. Wagner, philanthropist.

The Little America Hotel was the setting and almost 400 guests and admirers filled the ballroom. The invocation was officiated by Shahab Saeed, a representative of the Bahai faith of which Alice is a member. The MC was the incomparable Randy Horiuchi, county councilman and consummate politician extraordinaire and former Utah Democratic Party state chairman, who also shared his rare insight into the life of notables present at the tribute.

Speakers were Mayor Rocky Anderson; Lt. Gov. Olene Walker (and now the first woman governor of Utah upon the confirmation of Gov. Mike Leavitt as the new administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency); former three-term governor Calvin Rampton (Utah's most popular and prominent elder statesman); Alberta Henry (past Salt Lake chapter president of the NAACP for 10 consecutive years and one of the most respected and admired women of Utah); Elder Richard Winkel, representing Gordon Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) and the office of the First Presidency; Fred Ball (past president and executive director of the Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce for 20 years and currently senior vice president of Zions Bank); and Boyer Jarvis (former academic vice president, University of Utah, and well-known community activist). Special gifts were presented on behalf of the Salt Lake JACL chapter; Utah Tibet Foundation; Matsumoto Sister-City Group; national JACL; and official congressional recognition and citation through the office of Jim Matheson, U.S. congressman from Utah.

In addition, in honor of Alice, the Salt Lake JACL chapter named its annual scholarship in her name and donations were received to fund the scholarship. A cherry tree will also be planted at the Japanese Peace Garden in her honor, next to the cherry tree planted in honor of her late husband, Henry, who was instrumental in establishing the Japanese Peace Garden, the very first garden and still the most popular and beautiful, at the Jordan Park International Peace Gardens.

Alice has been and continues to be one of my most reliable and trusted mentors. Her advice, help and encouragement have been invaluable. She is also known as the "mother" of our JACL chapter and the Japanese community of Salt Lake and Utah. Unfortunately, we cannot claim her as only our own because she likewise has played the same role for the Asian community of Utah as well as being the beloved soul mate to all minorities of Utah.

In conclusion, in Alice we have a very unique and treasured person. She is humble, generous, resourceful, and a persevering lady of unlimited energy, uncharacteristic vision, profound sense of social justice, and a person who really cares. Her actions reflect her belief in the oneness of mankind. Repeatedly, she has demonstrated the inner strength of a person who faces life's obstacles as challenges and smooths the path for those who follow. She is a genuine role model for all of us, especially JACLers, to emulate: an icon.

As an addendum, those not familiar with the celebration by the Japanese of the 88th birthday, a short explanation may be helpful. Eighty-eight is a significant year and is known as the Rice Celebration. The character standing for rice can also be read as "88." When the three numerals standing for "8, 10, 8" are formed into a design, they constitute the character "rice." Rice, as the principal food of the Japanese, has always been regarded as sacred. From the beginning of history, rice was respected by the people for it was their food, their life, their happiness, and also stood for purity. Therefore, the 88th year is celebrated as a happy and joyous occasion. (Excerpted from Jane Sakashita's notes).

## Mary Waki Kawakami

Since a very interesting and informative article about Mary was written in the *Pacific Citizen* in its Oct. 18-31, 2002, issue titled "Utah JACLer Faces Down Bulldozer to Save Her Property," I will refer readers to that article for more information about her.

Briefly, Mary has a very colorful and exciting history. After graduating from high school, she got her cosmetology license and opened a salon near Spring Canyon Coal Mines where she met her future husband, Charlie, who worked in the mines with many other Nikkei. After WWII started, the Nikkei coal miners, including Charlie, were fired for security reasons (unfounded stereotyping and racial prejudice) and the Kawakamis moved to American Fork and bought property with meager funds derived from money from cashed-in Liberty Bonds.

Under compelling and desperate circumstances, she opened another salon in a converted chicken coop (feathers still dotting the floor, smell of chicken droppings wafting through the air and periodic mice racing nonchalantly from corner to corner) and became the bread earner of the family. Realizing she needed to improve her skills, "she worked six days a week, and on Saturday, after work, she hopped a Greyhound bus and with blanket in tow, slept her way to Los Angeles, where she studied with the professionals all day Sunday and then slept her way back to Utah on the Greyhound bus Sunday night to start work on Monday morning."

She entered and won many hair design contests and in 1954 was voted "One of the World's Ten Best" and represented the United States in an international hair design contest. As her business grew and she needed help, she convinced her husband to get his license and with her help and encouragement he did and became quite popular among

her clients.

She then opened the Mary Kawakami College of Beauty in Provo, Utah. After many, many years of successful teaching, she retired about five years ago. But, in between, she raised three children who have become very successful in their own right. In particular, her two daughters, Marilyn Susskind and Smiley Sciume, both rose in the very competitive high fashion design business and directed designer labels for the likes of Ralph Lauren, Versace, Anne Klein, Christian Dior, Esprit and Armani.

But, recently, what has spotlighted Mary was her challenge to big business literally trying to bulldoze over an aged little ethnic nobody (so they thought). In a property dispute, parties representing a large national retailer claimed property that had been observed by previous owners as the Kawakamis'. Without notice, a bulldozer began bulldozing a fence and trees on the disputed property.

It caught the attention of Mary, who confronted the bulldozer operator asking him what he was doing. When he told her he was taking the old trees down from what purportedly was recognized as the property line of the disputed property, she became infuriated and planted her 5'1", 110-pound (of dynamite) frame in front of the bulldozer and told the driver he would have to run her over if he wanted to complete his job. "Then Mary got out her cell phone, dialed 911, and told the operator that she was about to be murdered. Within minutes, the police arrived, and the day ended in a standoff."



Mary Waki Kawakami

Initially, the lawyers for the national retailer tried to intimidate the Kawakamis with a threat of a lawsuit and damages by a huge company with tremendous resources, including unlimited financial capital. In other words, we will bury you in time, another David vs. Goliath episode. Charlie was 99- and Mary 89. Charlie was not in the best of physical health and Mary was not quite a spring chicken. What chance would they have?

With the help of her children, she marshaled their friends and community, including JACL. After some tough negotiations the dispute was compromised between the parties, and the Kawakamis are very satisfied with the settlement. They now even have a street named after them. So standing up in harm's way when the odds are stacked against you is typical of Mary's fortitude, courage and tenaciousness. She is a stalwart Nisei woman, under siege, who refused to be steamrollered over by big business.

Mary is a very feisty lady. She worked hard all her life and emerged a successful entrepreneur. She accepted challenges as opportunities and reached the pinnacle of her profession. She was not about to be stepped on by some big company without a fight, and fight she did. She, again, represents the best in Japanese womanhood. Another role model, like Alice, for us, especially JACLers, to follow.

As somewhat of a "denouement" to this incident, the Kawakamis celebrated Charlie's 100th birthday at the end of October at the Rainbow Hotel and Casino in Wendover, Nev. Gathered were many relatives and people who supported and helped the Kawakamis during the property dispute ordeal. It turned out to be a very happy and joyous occasion for Charlie, Mary and the family.

As with many of the guests, I left the following morning a little lighter in the pocketbook after an evening of playing the slots (the machines were really tight!) but much enlightened and impressed about a warm, wonderful and loving family. ■

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## KIMURA

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even ruled Mike out of order. Some thought that was very nervy. Attendance at the convention suddenly dropped as many of the leaders were called to Washington, D.C., to witness President Ronald Reagan sign the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 into law. The Seattle convention was held at the University of Washington and most of us stayed in dorms. You'll notice we haven't done that again.

I've served on the national JACL board a number of times, first as an appointee of Hank Tanaka, who assigned me to chair the Long Range Planning Committee. Then as governor of the Midwest district council I served five years during which time we made some momentous decisions about mounting the campaign to seek redress. When Cressey Nakagawa became national JACL president, he appointed me to chair the *Pacific Citizen* board. My last stint was several years ago, when I filled an unexpired term as governor of the Eastern district council when Tom Kometani moved back to the Seattle area from New Jersey.

Then, of course, there was my term as the first woman to become national president, at the 1992 Denver convention. I remember the controversy surrounding the vote count and the graciousness of John Saito in conceding. And at the installation banquet, I remember Neil Taniguchi, elected vice president of general operations, telling me that the average age of my cabinet was 32. I thought "Thank God for the governors who will bring a bit more maturity to the board since many of the new officers have not had national or district experience."

I remember one of the first things I did as national president was to trek to D.C. where Karen Narasaki, our Washington, D.C., representative, squired me around to meet other civil rights organization leaders and some members of Congress. Karen was also instrumental in my becoming a co-chair of the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington with an opportunity to share JACL's message before tens of thousands gathered at the Lincoln Memorial. Pat Okura was with me on that platform. He was national JACL president at the time of the first March and led a small group of marchers; Pat did not have an easy time of it then as we had members who opposed our participation.

I also remember the kindness of JACL chapters I visited during my term. I appreciated their commitment and steadfastness to further the goals of JACL.

I remember some wonderful people — the eloquence and passion of Mike Masaoka and Min Yasui — and I wonder if we will ever see that again; Mas Satow working with very little money and sacrificing so much for JACL; Shig Wakamatsu and his commitment to preserve JA and JACL's history; and the long-distance presidency of Kumeo Yoshinari, who was assigned to work in England by his company Turtle Wax.

I remember stories about Dr. Thomas Yatabe, known as the "granddaddy of JACL," and Ruby Yoshino traveling the Midwest and East toward the end of WWII to persuade communities to accept JAs coming out of internment camps. Ruby, who was a trained opera singer, would say that she would entertain the people before Dr. Yatabe delivered the message.

I remember one afternoon seeing Grayce Uyehara through the window of an Amtrak train at the Wilmington, Del., station. She was returning home from her week in D.C. working as executive director of the Redress Legislative Education Committee and Hiro was there to pick her up. We owe a lot to Grayce for this work that she did only for expenses, and to Hiro for holding up the home front.

On the future of JACL — some say that JACL is no longer needed; that we should become an Asian American organization. My view is that we are still relevant. America is not yet free from prejudice, discrimination and hate. We have an opportunity to help to perpetuate Japanese values and culture. We still must tell the story of the JA experience during WWII; no one has experienced it as we have.

Recently I spoke to over 100 seventh-graders, and in the question and answer period a young man asked me what the war had been about. This said to me the schools are not doing a good job in teaching about this aspect of history. A teacher told me that the students get a good grasp of the Revolutionary War and maybe know about the Vietnam War because of their fathers and grandparents but know very little about what happened in between. According to Tom Brokaw, WWII was the defining event in America's history. It set us on a different course.

One of the most important things we can do as citizens is to vote and get out the vote. I recently heard Dr. Dorothy Height, president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, say, "We shouldn't have to beg people to do what other people have died for."

Harriet Tubman in leading slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad was purported to have said something like, "Look back, and look forward, but keep moving."

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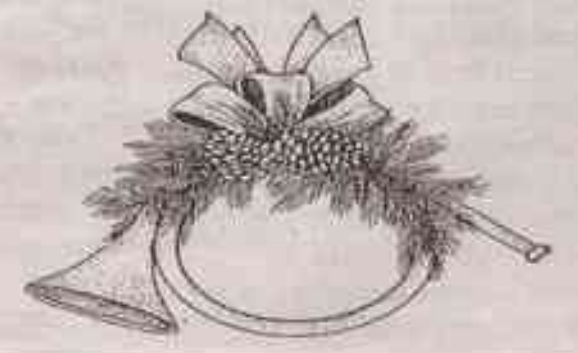
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# Moving Forward

## Twin Cities (Minnesota) JACL Chapter



By TOM HARA

Formed originally as the "United Citizens League," the Twin Cities chapter received its JACL charter in 1947. Minnesota was a familiar location for many veterans who had served at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling in the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service during World War II, and the presence of the University of Minnesota was a strong attraction for those who would continue their education under the G.I. Bill.

The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota assisted generously in the resettlement of wartime evacuees, notably by providing a Minneapolis mansion for a Japanese American Center for 20 years. Initially staffed by the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa and his wife, Fujiko, who had ministered in relocation camps, and later by the Rev. Andrew Otani, the center provided a venue for Issei Christians, area Buddhists, the JACL and its credit union, "war brides" from Japan, and later for the chapter's Sansei youth organizations.

The first Twin Cities chapter presidents were George Matsuyama and Sam Shoji. Early organizers included: Henry Omachi, George Rokutani, Kay Kushino, Hank Makino, Howard Nomura (who had been a prewar president of the Portland chapter), Tomo Kosobayashi and Kimi Hara (who as a teenager had attended the 1930 JACL convention in Seattle).

The chapter's earliest legislative activities were to seek fair housing opportunities (successfully led in Minneapolis by Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey). Socially, the chapter sponsored a Nisei bowling league and golf events, as well as an annual picnic for the JA community.

As for most chapters, fund-raising events, such as sukiyaki dinners, were a continuing necessity. Initially to finance maintenance repairs and improvements at the center, funds were subsequently used to continue a local chapter scholarship program. In 1959, the chapter hosted its first MDC/EDC biennial convention, keynoted by Minnesota Congressman Walter Judd. The residue from fundraising for this event was the original principal of the scholarship fund, which made its first awards in 1961 and which continues today with distributions totaling $9,000 annually.

The local Sansei Club organized by the chapter was the Junior JACL, with Tom Ohno as its first advisor. Among its members were the late Randy Senzaki (a former JACL national director), and former MDC governors Joanne Kumagai and myself. After the first wave of Sansei teenagers moved on to college and jobs, the later groups reorganized as JAYs and by this time (the 1970s), could affiliate and meet with other JAYs nationally. The chapter assisted the local JAYs to host its 1976 national convention at Concordia College in St. Paul.



The Military Intelligence Service (MIS) participates in a parade.

JACL members have also been involved with the creation of other local organizations for JAs. In 1978, the Minnesota Nikkei Project was incorporated, and its purpose was to make the remaining years of the Issei as pleasurable as possible through the volunteer efforts of Nisei and Sansei. Bill Doi was the group's first chair.

The Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota (JAVM), composed primarily of Nisei JACL members, was started in 1991 by Kathy Ohama Koch and her mother, Grace Ohama. The SoCal MIS group contacted them to help plan a 50th anniversary commemoration of the MIS at Camp Savage. Held in May 1992 and themed "Sentimental Journey," the event was attended by over 400 veterans and their families. Edwin (Bud) Nakasone serves as president, Sam Honda as vice president, and Kathy Ohama Koch as secretary. JAVM holds a memorial service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery annually in May.

In the new millennium, the Twin Cities chapter has held many social, cultural, fundraising, educational, and advocacy activities. The chapter hosts an annual picnic, golf tournament, intergenerations potluck dinner, and children's holiday party. For the past two years, the annual banquet has been a highlight of the year, successfully combined with a silent auction and corpo-

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# JACL'S FUTURE AFTER NEARLY 75 YEARS




By
MICHAEL HOSHIKO, Ph.D.

Today, after almost three-quarters of a century, JACL is still facing a formidable task which will require huge resources and manpower to be effective. The pre-World War II Japanese Americans are a very small group, and they are being constantly diluted by huge growing numbers of outmarriages now into the third, fourth, and fifth generations and beyond.

Today,most intermarried families have practically no ties to the JA community, let alone to JACL. The total number of JACL members has declined drastically, and as a result their effectiveness has become very limited because membership dues drive their programs.

The latest U.S. census data indicate that the population mix has changed drastically. The percentage of the white population is getting proportionally smaller even when including the many recent immigrants from Europe, while the Hispanic population is now the largest minority in the United States, and it is being increased by legal, illegal and temporary imported workers. African Americans, the second-largest majority, are now trying to cope with poverty, high birth rates, and with the large numbers of their people without high school educations.

The rest of the population mix is made up of a large group of so-called "Asian and Pacific Islanders" from different areas and countries in the Far East with many varied languages and cultural backgrounds. Included within this group are the post-WWII immigrants from Japan and a small number of non-immigrant Japanese with their families who are executives of large Japanese corporations in the United States on temporary assignments.

These Japanese corporate executives wield considerable power and influence, far out of proportion to their numbers in the business world, but they have not paid any attention nor shown any active interest in the JACL's work in education or in the civil rights movement.

The postwar Japanese immigrants have arrived with more language skills as well as with a broad range of skills for various kinds of employment. Their descendants on the whole have largely remained aloof from the prewar JAs and few have ever become members of JACL. The Japanese war brides by the thousands have largely disappeared into both the small and big towns throughout the United States. Their descendants are scattered all over the country and they have not heard of nor tried to communicate with the JAs except in a few isolated cases.

Today the task facing the JACL is formidable, partly because of the changes in the population mix with Hispanics now the largest minority group. Many of the Hispanic children are helped to learn by teachers using Spanish in the public schools. The African American community is striving for its share of the good life and is trying to overcome old prejudices still present in spite of the considerable favorable exposure via the media through TV and sports.

The third group consists of peoples from many countries in the Far East with different languages and cultures. The Chinese, who were immigrants before the Japanese and who suffered much more than the Japanese, have an organization comparable to the JACL. All the other Asian and Pacific Islander groups, such as the Vietnamese, are busily concentrating on acquiring the material signs of the middle class and most have never heard of the JACL.

Within this broad mix of different races, cultures, languages and lifestyles, it is a wonder that the JACL has achieved so much. But with its very small membership base and resultant limited financial resources it has had to struggle to reach its goals. The constant influx and changing population mix have created a never-ending task for the JACL.

So now the big question is this: With the fading of the second and third generation of pre-WWII JAs, will the following generations want to continue their support of the JACL, enabling it to do its job? And if so, how much money and effort will they be willing to contribute? Or will they just default and fade away? Will the constantly increasing rate of intermarriage by the descendants of the pre-WWII JAs change their image so much that there will be no need for the JACL?

Perhaps the postwar Japanese immigrants and their descendants are the ones who need JACL's help the most. Perhaps the time has come for the JACL to welcome membership from the postwar Japanese to help organize and to speak up for equal rights. ■

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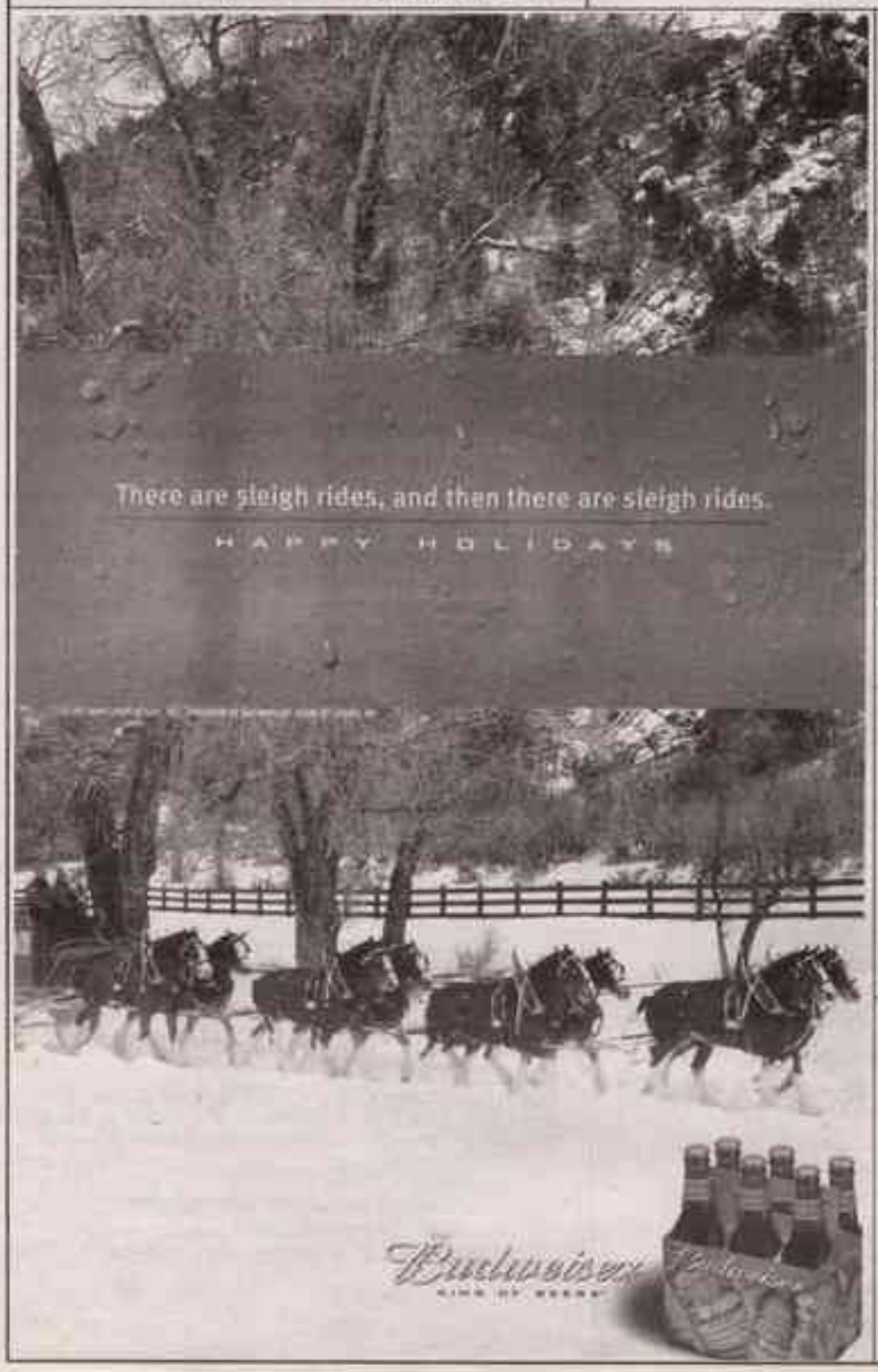
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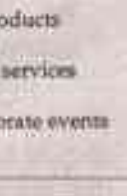
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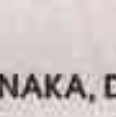
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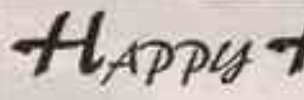
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# JACL, My Second Home



By
ANN FUJII LINDWALL

It's hard to imagine that JACL is 75 years old. There are not many things in my life that are over seven decades in age but I am sure glad that JACL is one of them. Aren't you? In today's world, after 9/11, we view so many common-day occurrences in a different way, don't we?

When you see a jet in the air, it's just not the same, right? One day in Seattle, where I live, I was looking downtown and saw a jet as it passed by one of our skyscrapers, and it looked like it was going to hit it. I look overhead in my yard when I'm playing with my lab and see jets flying over all the time, and now I wonder if one of them is going to crash in my neighborhood or blow up in the air. Isn't that a terrible thing to have to imagine?

But unfortunately, that is how our world is now as it is changed forever. Before 9/11, we sure didn't think that what happened to the Japanese Americans in the 1940s could happen again, but now, don't you think differently? It's been over 50 years since Executive Order 9066 and it sure doesn't seem like the world has moved any closer to equality or peace. It sure seems like discrimination and racism is just as prevalent but in a different form. It is a scary thought, and I think we should be a little frightened about that.

As much as JACL has helped the many JA communities across the United States, there is much more to be done.

I am a Sansei and I have been involved in my Asian Pacific Islander and JA community for almost 30 years. When I was a high school student there was a racist mascot at the school I attended; at the same time the community had a lot of clout and history and money. But that didn't deter our small Asian student coalition in the early 1970s. This was wrong and we had to show them that it was wrong. We asked the school to take it down but they refused our request.

Then I started talking to the parents about it. They are a large part of why I am so engrained in the Seattle JA community. It is my second home. My mother and father happened to know a minority judge who did a weekly on-air editorial on various current issues, and they told him what was going on at my high school. Well, you can probably figure out what happened. We couldn't have asked for a more powerful way to get our message out there, and of course, the mascot had to come down after the editorial was broadcast.



Seattle's famous Space Needle.
(Photo by Jason Stom)

I guess what I'm trying to say is that there is strength even in small numbers. And right now, JACL is struggling with a declining membership; maybe a population that doesn't think we need the JACL or that thinks JACL isn't that important or doing enough. Well, if you are one of those people, it's time to get involved and be a part of strengthening our organization from the bottom up! They say it starts from the bottom, by building a strong foundation.

Now more than ever we need as many JAs as possible to truly be concerned and involved at any level dealing with what is happening in the world today. It should bother us. It's unfortunate that we still need organizations like JACL, the NAACP, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Urban League, the National Council of Negro Women, and the Organization of Chinese Americans, to name a few.

It is so important that we become more educated, and less complacent, thinking that this will go away or not affect us in any way. The more we stay quiet and say "it's okay," the more it will happen — such as insensitive comments by those in powerful and prominent leadership positions who supposedly represent our best interests.

We need to support the JACL more than ever. With severe financial problems there is an ever-growing need for this organization to be a viable, visible, strong and powerful voice. We are still a society that judges people on what we see, not what we should know.

The United States is one of the most uneducated when it comes to what is happening around the world, such as in the Middle East, in North Korea, or in the former Soviet Union. The thinking is that everyone else should know about us but it's not important to know about them. I realize there is the saying that ignorance is bliss but there is also power in knowledge.

The United States is a country of immigrants, yet many are still treated like a disease, as if they do not belong, being told to "go back to where you came from." Our ancestors came here because they heard it was a wonderful place where they could fulfill their dreams, have a business and raise a family.

Unfortunately, we are still hearing that same phrase to people who've chosen to make this place their home. So you see, we still need the JACL. We need them to speak out for us, to go to bat for us and to tell "the others" that we aren't going away and we're not going to back down.

The JA community is a dwindling population compared to the newer immigrants here, but that doesn't mean we are weaker. We all need to stand up for who we are and to be a part of an organization that fought for our freedom decades ago. Every single one of you is important and we need to build our forces for the years and battles to come. ■

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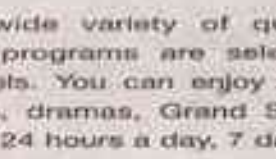
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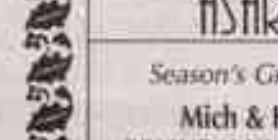
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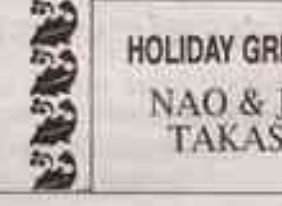
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# Having Fun With Friends





By DAVID KAWAMOTO

I've been involved with the JACL for more than 40 years, which to many seems like such an awful long time. But, it doesn't even approach the 75-year history of our organization. Think of what an awesome accomplishment it is for any group to stay organized for a period spanning several generations. When I reflect on my involvement with the JACL, I have many fun memories of good times.

In 1962, my father, Harry Kawamoto, was the San Diego chapter president. Part of his responsibilities was to be a delegate at that year's JACL convention in Seattle. Though I was only 10 years old, I have fond memories of how my mother, brother and I joined "Dad" on that trip and made a family vacation of it.

I'm sure many of our membership recall the wonderful booster events that have always been a great part of convention. I'm very pleased to see that our Hawaii chapter has incorporated such booster-type events in our upcoming convention in Honolulu, Aug. 10-14, 2004.

Annually since at least the 1930s, the San Diego chapter has hosted a beach party picnic for the Japanese American community. I remember enjoying this event since I was very young. And to my good fortune this is the event where, as a teenager, I met the lovely young lady who would later become my wife, Carol.

As a college student in the 1970s, I joined San Diego JACL's board. I have to admit I did this to help coordinate the chapter's basketball program because I played on the San Diego JACL team and wanted to assure the continuation of that program. But I do appreciate San Diego JACL giving me this opportunity to have such fun with my friends.

In reflection, fun with my friends has always been one of the benefits of my JACL involvement. Sometimes I reflect on JACL and its declining membership and I feel that it's my generation, the Sansei, who have dropped the ball. Even to this day, a majority of our JACL membership continues to be Nisei.

But I must say that it is my fellow Sansei who have kept me involved in this fine organization for more than 40 years. Though I've been an officer at the chapter, district and national levels, I have gotten so much more out of JACL than I ever gave. Not just by being a part of such a significant organization with equally significant accomplishments, but because of the enduring friendships I've been so fortunate to develop.

The friendships I've developed from JACL are matchless. That's because of the quality of the people I've been fortunate enough to be associated with through the JACL. Too many people to name, but I know they all share a strong commitment to our community.

These people energize me with their willingness to serve. I'm so grateful to all of them for their tangible and intangible assistance through the years. And, I particularly want to thank them for their friendship. What would life be without a little "fun with your friends?" ■

*David Kawamoto is the current JACL national vice president of general operations.*

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rate sponsorships. The keynote speakers were NASA astronaut Daniel Tani (2002) and legendary animator Iwao Takamoto of Scooby Doo fame (2003).

Japanese craft classes, Japanese folk tale reading and *mochitsuki* for youth are examples of recent cultural activities. A cookbook, "Bridging the Generations," was created to commemorate the chapter's 50th anniversary, and a two-volume Japanese cooking videotape was filmed from the chapter's cooking class series. An annual Festival of Nations demonstration booth on origami and ribbonfish-making and a bazaar booth offering Japanese toys and dishes is the primary chapter fundraiser.

The chapter's education committee, chaired by Sally Sudo, has presented teacher workshops on the JA WWII experience and manned display tables at annual state social studies teachers conventions. The speakers bureau continues to provide internee speakers and resource materials to schools, community groups, and to students working on History Day projects.

Recently, chapter members attended public hearings and wrote letters urging Minnesota's Commissioner of Education to add the JA WWII experience to state-mandated K-12 social studies academic standards; this period in American history was completely missing in the initial draft.



At the Minnesota social studies public hearings: (l-r) Ilean Her, executive director of the State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Dr. Rose Chu, Minneapolis Public Schools, and Twin Cities JACL Education Committee members and former internees Sally Sudo and Lucy Kirihara, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Twin Cities JACL president. (Photo by Emmett Timmons)

The youth program is thriving. At one point, there were four youth representatives serving on the board. Past and current MDC youth reps include Liz Hara, Leilani Savitt and Natalie Nakasone. The youth group participates annually in a "Walk for Justice," and organizes activities several times a year, targeting different age groups.

The chapter has been involved in many community action activities recently, participating in post-9/11 hate crimes forums, and protesting against the use of racial slurs and anti-Asian stereotypes in the media, advertising and music.

Several major community projects have been sponsored by the chapter. "Whispered Silences: Japanese American Detention Camps, Fifty Years Later," a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, with an opening reception and accompanying programs, were funded in part by grants from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and the JACL Legacy Fund in 1997.

In 2000, a Day of Remembrance Program had a standing-room-only audience to honor "Unsung Heroes: Champions of Human Rights," individuals and groups who stood up for and assisted the Minnesota JA community during and following WWII. In June 2002, the chapter and JAVM co-sponsored an MIS/Camp Savage 60th Anniversary Commemoration program.

The Twin Cities chapter is moving forward to encourage youth involvement, while ensuring that the traditions and cultural values of the Issei and Nisei are maintained. ■

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organizations in that we have an aging membership and declining population. Our remedies are being considered. The popularity of our Japanese Language School remains strong, but our general membership is shrinking. To be able to maintain our current level of membership, to keep up with attrition, we should add 100 to 150 members in the next five to seven years. This is a lofty goal that has to have some added elements to be achievable.

The level of dedication to JACL that is inherent in our Nisei members, and counterbalanced by the resentment in other Nisei, is being lost as these friends pass on. The prospective members we seek do not carry this burden of old resentments, old knowledge or commitment to the cause. To recruit new members, we need to provide a voice or activity that is not present with other groups or organizations.

The internment was the defining moment for Japanese in America. Nationally, we have focused our efforts on the internment experience, to remember and educate about the civil rights violations that occurred because of "racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a failure of political leadership." We as a chapter use every opportunity and means available to keep this memory alive, whether it be print, video or lectures. While it is important to remember the internment, to be a repository for facts and information that others can access, it is not a goal we can aspire to. Or, is it?

There is a recent book, "Good to Great," that examines the core traits of corporations that significantly outperform their peers and maintain the leadership through time. The decision that each of these great corporations made was to be the best in the world in one particular area. Of the things that they did well they chose to concentrate on one, to become the best available. Rather than to follow the tendency to diversify, to gain market share and profitability, a conscious choice was made to concentrate on their one product that was the best in the world.

What this book's research shows is that it is key to truly understand what an organization is best at in the world. Equally important is the understanding of what it cannot be best at, or what it wants to be best at. These concepts give us additional insight to where we can take our chapters. Who else in your community, what other group has the experience of being taken from their homes and incarcerated for their appearance? Do you think that we could tell the story of this experience better than anybody else could? Of course we can.

This doesn't mean that we cannot be involved in our communities and make meaningful contributions, it just gives a focus. Our chapter chooses to tend to the needs of our members, to provide activities and educational opportunities. In doing so, we have gained the support and recognition of the larger community. The mayors and council members call upon us to assist their cities in many ways and occasions, from Sister City Associations to exchange student receptions, and from visiting dignitaries to committee and commission input. We have been in the community for 73 years and were never anonymous. ■



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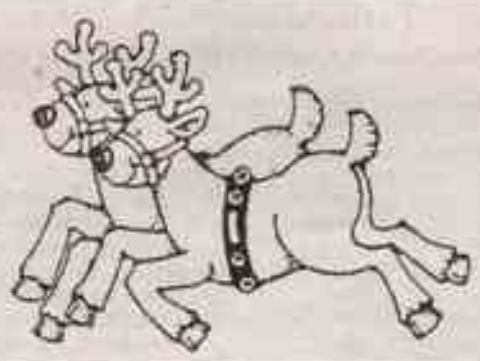
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the JA community, the reality of assimilation has occurred to a large degree. We still have pockets of racial bigotry that we must continually battle. The war against discrimination will always go on because of human imperfections. However, the battles are less costly to our community and we are fewer in number than previously. There are indeed other minority communities who continue to face the kinds of problems that I and other JAs faced as children. Today they need our help and support.





Shigeru Mori, Floyd Mori's brother who died while serving in the Army shortly after the end of World War II (above).

Floyd Mori as a young child in Utah (left).

For the next 75 years, the struggle will continue as we strive to claim our fair share of the democracy we have worked to create and in which lives were sacrificed to preserve. It is a time when we must assert our political and economic strength to become more equal as citizens in this great country. Glass ceilings and "good old boy" barriers continue to exist in corporate and legislative America. The workplace continues to serve the majority and often skips over the minority.

We are at a time when most of society understands civil rights and at least gives lip service to the concept. The next 75 years is the time for us to implement the reality of civil rights beyond mere lip service. JACL will continue to have an important role in this effort.

Today, there are many things in the JA community for which we can be very proud. As I understand more each day the great values and commitment of those who bridged that cultural and civil rights gap, the more I appreciate the life they have created for us today. It is our job to assure that this JA pride, commitment to excellence, and sense of duty to each other continues for the next 75 years and beyond. ☐

## NOGUCHI

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leaders, and responses by resister leaders were riveting.

**Why is the Resisters' Story so Important Today?**

I believe there are at least three key reasons:

**1. Support of a principled civil rights stand in times of crisis.** The resisters took an unpopular stand, within a divided community, during the war hysteria. Aren't Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Americans facing that same backlash during the "war against terrorism" today? Aren't those who stand up for civil liberties in the face of the so-called "American Patriot Act" being labeled disloyal by some? Standing up for civil rights is most important when it's hard, not when it's easy.

**2. Reconciliation within the JA community.** The U.S. government unfairly forced JAs to make many tough decisions while being locked up. These included test cases challenging internment, supporting military service in the war against fascism, resisting the draft, answering "yes-yes" or "no-no" on the loyalty oath, renouncing citizenship to return to Japan, protesting camp conditions, or just trying to survive. To the extent that anyone was standing up to the government's racist treatment, I think their decision deserves our respect today. The JA community today is made up of families who made many different decisions. It's not made up of those who made one "correct" decision. To believe so only divides and weakens us.



Gordon Hirabayashi (middle) and the Nisei Draft Resisters were honored at the Florin JACL Time of Remembrance program in 1994. (L-r): Noboru Taguma, Frank Emi, Hirabayashi, Mits Koshiyama and Yosh Kuromiya. (Photo courtesy of Andy Noguchi)

**3. Better Leadership by the National JACL.** The JACL continues to be the largest, oldest, most extensive, and influential Asian Pacific American organization in the United States. To be a credible leader in civil rights, it needs to have the courage to admit its past failings. I believe it has done so in apologizing to the Nisei resisters. I believe that the future leadership of the JACL has been enhanced, especially in the minds of our upcoming younger generation including those like my 15-year-old daughter.

Different paths — same destination? I believe that the JACL and the JA community have taken a big step in the right direction. A step that respects the different paths people may take to get to a more vigilant and stronger JA community. When I was asked to help lead this resister resolution effort, I welcomed the opportunity. When Nisei veterans at the 1996 national JACL convention asked me to introduce an emergency resolution supporting the veterans' memorial in Los Angeles, I was honored. I look forward to other efforts to raise our awareness, bring our community together, and arrive at that same destination.

A Personal Note: I'd like to thank all of those JACL members who listened to the resisters' story with open minds and open hearts. Special acknowledgement goes to the National JACL Resister Ceremony Committee, many of whom were also instrumental in passing this resolution: Alan Teruya, ceremony co-chair, Mike Kaku, Elisa Kamimoto, Keith Kamisugi, Fumie Shimada, Barbara Takei, Twila Tomita, Aeko Yoshikawa, and Regional Director Patty Wada (serving as staff advisor on this project). Another note of interest is that Mike Kaku is currently coordinating a video project that hopes to tell this part of the resisters' story. ☐

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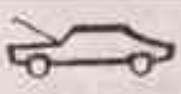



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55 Yasuhara Koike
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57 George Yoshimura
58 Kitty Hirai
59 Yoshio Inoue
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62-63 Min Yasukura
64-65 Shiro Takeshita
66-67 Haj Fujimori
68 George Ushijima
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70 Shigeki Sugiyama
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35, 36
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40 John Hirohata
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42 Bill Kajikawa
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55 Ted Maruyama
56 George Ushiyama
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65 Thomas Ouye
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62 Martha Nishitani
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68 George Koyama
69 George Ishihara
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71/72 George Tamura
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82 Helen Kamimoto
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88-89 Miriam Nishida
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53 George Ono
54 Robert E. Fujita
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58-59 Joe Kadowaki
60 Gene Takahashi
61 Dr. Tsuru Ishiyama
62 Frank Shiba
63 Henry Tanaka
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59 Bob Mochizuki
60 Ill Ikeda
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64 Bob Hiromura
65 Mike Miyamoto
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68 Harry Ikuma
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81 Dale Ikeda
82-83 Ben Yamabe
84 Frank Hashimoto
85-86 Gene Takamoto
87 Charles Takahashi
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90 Frank Hashimoto
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85-86 Yoshiro Tokiwa
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56 Albert Morimoto
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58 Mark Kamiya
59-60 Frank Yoshida
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56 Mark Shikuchi
57 Mas Yamasaki
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89 Frank A. Titus
90-95 Darryl Sakada
96-03 Ronald Katsuyama

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53 Sam Azuma
54 Joe Kataoka
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66 Saburo Okino
67 Paul Kawasaki
68 Dr. James Nagatani
69 Joe Kataoka
70 Eddie Nagatani
71 Jeff Fukawa
72 Dr. James Nagatani
73 Joe Kataoka
74 Dr. James Nagatani
75-76 Edward Nagatani
77 Ben Nagatani
78 Edward Nagatani
79 Dr. James Nagatani
80 Joe Kataoka
81 Ben Nagatani
82-83 Ed Nagatani
84 Dr. James Nagatani
85 Ben Nagatani
86 Joe Kataoka
87-88 June Fukawa
89 Ben Nagatani
90-92 Dr. James K. Nagatani
93-94 Ben Nagatani
95-96 Dr. James K. Nagatani
97-00 Ben Nagatani
01-03 Brian Komeshi

**Detroit**
**Organized June 7, 1946**
46-48 Peter Fujioka
49 Ray Kaneko
50 Mark M. Kondo
51 Wallace Kagawa
52 Gig Ochi
53 Masaru Taguchi
54 Kenneth Miyoshi
55 Sadao Kimoto
56 Miyoko O'Neill
57 Yoshio Kasai
58 Charles Yata
59 Walter Miyao
60 Frank Watanabe
61 Peter Fujioka
62 Wallace Kagawa
63 Masaru Taguchi
64 James N. Shimoura
65 Walter Miyao
66 William Adair
67 Art E. Morey
68 Mary Kamiya
69 George Ishimaru
70 Kaz Mayeda
70-71 William Okamoto
72 Scott Yamasaki
73 Elaine Akagi
74 Masaru Taguchi
75-76 Sadao Kimoto
77 Jan Ishi
78-79 Dr. Kaz Mayeda
80 Yoshi Shimoura
81 Elaine R. Peran
82 Ronald Yee
83 Elaine R. Peran
84 Dr. Kaz Mayeda
85 Gerald R. Shimoura
86 Elaine Akagi-Peran
87 David A. Mason
88 Lisa R. Archer
89 Scott K. Yamasaki
90-92 Dr. Kaz Mayeda
93 Ernest Ozaki
94 John Takeuchi
95-97 Valerie Nan Yoshimura
98-01 Scott Yamasaki
02- Tim Nishi
03 Taichi Shimoura

**Diablo Valley**
**Organized April 19, 1977**
77 Hiroshi Morokami
78 Jack Nakashima
79 Yukio Wada
80-81 Mollie Fujioka
82 Ray Takai
83 Carl Muno
84 Akiko Taoyama
85 George Fujioka
86 Edward E. Kobakawa
87 Hannah Yasuda
88 Donald K. Ikeda
89 Maya Shimyama
90 Akiko Taoyama
91
92 Dr. Elsie Bankal
93 Jon Kubokawa
94 Mike Hamachi
95 Eiko Kobayashi, Tau Shimizu
96-97 Jon Kubokawa
98
99
00 Milo Yoshino, Judith Aono
01
02
03 Judith Aono

**Downtown L.A.**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized 1929 as Los Angeles JACL**
29 Masao Iguchi
30 Clarence Yamagata
31 John S. Ando, Karl Iwanaga
33 Etsuo Sato
34-35 Kay Sugahara
36-37 John Masuo, Eiji Tanabe, Herbert Wada
38 Ken Matsumoto, Tod Okumoto
39-40 Eiji Tanabe
41 Fred Tayama
42 Shigemi Aratani
*Reactivated July 31, 1946*
*Ken Utsunomiya (org.)*
46-47 Frank Chuman
48 John Aiso, Dr. Yen Watanabe
49 Eiji Tanabe
50 Dr. George Kanbara
51 Harry K. Honda
52-53 Harry M. Fujita
54-55 David Yakuzaki
56 Kei Uchima
57 Duke S. Ogata
58 Frank Suzukida
59 Gorgoro Nakamura
60 Katsuma Makaseda
61 Soichi Fukui
62 Frank Onuma
63 Father Clement
64 Takito Yanagisawa
65 Frank M. Tsuchiya
66 Mitsuhiko Shimizu
67 Ed Matsuda
68 Alfred Hatate
69-70 Kiyoshi Kawai
71-72 Ted Kajima
73-74 Joe Hanawa
75-76 George Fujita
77-78 Glen H. Fuchaw
83-84 Patrick Ogawa
85-86 Mary H. Nishimoto
87-88 Kathleen 'Kitty' Sankey
89 Patrick Ogawa
90 Patrick Ogawa, Gary Ibata
91 Gary Ibata
92 Greg Tanaka, Kitty Sankey
93-95 Kitty Sankey
96-97 George Kita
98-99 Kitty Sankey
00-01 Rodney Nakata
02-03 Kitty Sankey

**East Los Angeles**
**Organized Sept. 30, 1948**
48 Akira Hosowara
49 Bill Tabei
50 Lynn N. Takaguki
51 George Akiyama
52-53 Edison Uno
53 John Watanabe
54 Wilbur Sato
55 Jim Y. Higashi
56 Fred Takata
57 Yukio Ozawa
58-59 Ray Yamashiro
60-62 Mable Yoshizaki
63-64 Dr. Robert Ohi
65-66 Hiro Omoto
67-68 Hisaoki Kawahara
69-70 Walter Tatsuno
71 Mable Yoshizaki
72-73 Mas Dobashi
74 Tak Endo, Mas Dobashi
75-76 Mas Dobashi
77-78 Dr. Robert T. Ohi
79-86 Douglas K. Masuda
87 Norman Arikawa
88-89 Dr. Robert T. Ohi
90 Douglas K. Masuda
91-92 Miki Himeno
93-00 John Jiro Saito
01-02 Raleigh Komatsu

**Eden Township**
**Organized 1933**
35-37 Kan Domoto
38 Mitsutaru Sakashima
39-40 Goichi Yoshioka
41 Yoshino Shibata
42 Fukuichi Nakagawa
*Reactivated July 25, 1947*
47 Tom S. Hatakeda
48 Taichi Domoto
49 Minoru Shinoda
50 Yoshimi Shibata
51 Minoru Shinoda
52 Dr. Keishi Shimizu
53 Dr. Frank Saito, Kenji Fujii
54 Dr. Frank Saito
55 Kenji Fujii
56 Sho Yoshida
57 Tetsuma Sekai
58 Dr. Steve Neishi
59-60 Ken Kitayama
61-62 Sam Kawahara
63-64 Sam Kurimoto
65-66 Akira Hasegawa
67-68 Harry Tanabe
69 Taichi Nakashima
70 Fred Miyamoto
71-72 Ichiro Nishida
73-74 Tsuj Kitayama
75 Shigeki Arai
76-77 Ichiro Nishida
78-79 Tom Miyamoto
80-81 John Yamada
82-84 Ichiro Nishida
85 Robert Sakai
85-86 Robert Sakai
87-88 Shig Naito
89 Aila Wada
90-91 Ichiro Nishida
92 Janet Mitobe
93 Victor Fujii, John Yamada
94-96 Dick Suzuki, Karen Shinoda
97-99 Moses Oshima, Ron Sakaue
00 Ron Sakaue
01 Lance Goto
02-03 Ron Sakaue

**Florin**
**Organized Aug. 16, 1935**
35-36 Yoshio Kono
37 Alfred Tsukamoto
38 John Hirohata
39-40 Hugh M. Kimo
*Reactivated Dec. 20, 1947*
47-48 Alfred Tsukamoto
49 Woodrow Ishikawa
50 Charles Nishi
51 Jack Kawamura
52 Sam Tsukamoto
53 Bill Okamoto
54 Omer Inouye
55 Paul Ito
56 Alvin Seno
57-58 William Y. Kashiwagi
59 Takeshi Saigo
60-61 Louis K. Ito
62 Omer Inouye
63-65 George R. Furuhashi
66 Percy Fukushima
67-68 Paul Tabuhara
69-70 William Y. Kashiwagi
71-74 Dr. David Asahara
75-76 William Y. Kashiwagi
77 Toshiko Fukushima
78-79 Paul Tabuhara
80-82 William Y. Kashiwagi
83-86 George H. Miyao
87 Andy Noguchi
88 Richard Uno
89 Titus Toyama
90 George H. Miyao
91 Carol Hoshino
92 Andy Noguchi
93 Eileen Kimiko Ongo
94-95 Titus Toyama
96-97 Joanne Iritani
98 Karen Tonnie & Richard Uno
99 Sue Hida
00-01 Andy Noguchi
02-04 Dr. Walter Kawamoto

**Fort Lupton (odu)**
42-43 Floyd Kodao
44 Lee Murata
45-46 Sam Okimoto
47 Jack Tsuhara
48 Sam Okamoto
49 Tom Yanagi
50 Dr. George Uyemura
51 John Kiyota
52-53 Frank Yamaguchi

58 Sam Okamoto
59 Jack Tsuhara
60 George Matsushima
61 Byron Kawata
62 Frank Yokoyi
63 Tom Koshio
64 Sam Funakoshi
65 Elton Nakamoto
66 Sam Funakoshi
67 Sam Koshio
68 Tom Sasaki
69 Alfred Watada
70-71 Tom Urano
72 Harley Inouye
73 George Mawunga
74-75 Norman Nakamoto
76 Sam Koshio
77-79 Alfred Watada
80-81 Sam Koshio
82 Sam Funakoshi
83-84 Hiroto Uno
85 Tom Sasaki
86 Don Tanai
87 Eugene Watada
88 Alfred Watada
89 Sam Funakoshi, Fumye Hasimoto
90 Hiroto Uno
91, 92
93 Don Tanai
94
95 Nobuo Furuiye
96 Diana Tanai
97 Daisy Kiyota
98
99
00 Ben Matsushima
01
02
03 Dat Nguyen

**Fowler**
**Organized 1952**

52 Dr. George Miyake
53 Harley Nakamura
54 Howard Ikeda
55 Tom Kamikawa
56 Tom Shirakawa
57 Frank Sakishita
58 Mikio Uchiyama
59 George Tanaka
60 Kanzo Hiromu
61 Thomas Toyama
62 Tom T. Nakamura
63 Ken Hirose
64 Hideo Kikuta
65 Bill Hashimoto
66 Tiyo Yamaguchi
67 Harry M. Handa
68 Dick Iwamoto
69 Shigeru Uchiyama
70 Mike Yoshizuto
71 Masao Tadao
72 Ray Kato
73 Jim Hashimoto
74 Harue Ii
75 Joe S. Yokomi
76 Kimihiro Sera
77 Jitsuo Otani
78 Makoto Mukai
79 Frank Osaki
80 Mike Yoshimoto
81 Frank Osaki
82 Joe Yoshimura
83 George Hashimoto
84 Ted Nakamura
85 Tom Nagata
86 Gerald Nakayama
87 Ken Hashimoto
88 Frank Osaki
89 Art Fujikawa, Watson Takeda
90 Ted Nakamura
91, 92
93-95 Kevin Nagata
96-97 George Hashimoto
98
99
00 Karl Handa
01
02
03 Gerald & Cherie Nakayama

**Fremont**
**Organized 1934 as Washington Township**

35 Harry Kondo
36 Kanzo Shikano
39 Harry Kondo
40 Tom Kitashima
41 James Hirabayashi
42 Vernon Ishisaka
*Reactivated Feb. 3, 1948, Southern Alameda County*
49 Kanzo Shikano
50 Yasuto Kato
51 Kiyo Kato
52 Kiyoshi Kato
53 James Fukenna, Harold Fukenna
54 Sumi Kato
55 Ray Kitayama
56 Isao Handa
*Renamed Fremont in 1957*
57 Henry Kato
58 Kiyoshi Katamoto
59 Chuck Shikano
60 James Sekigahama
61 Kazue Kawaguchi
62 Ted Sekigahama
63 Yutaka Handa
64 Frank Nakasako
65 Frank A. Kasuga
66 Sat Sekigahama
67 Mass M. Kishiyama
68-69 Ted T. Inouye
70 Frank Kasuga
71 Ted T. Inouye
72 Harry Tanouye
73 Fujio Yamamoto
74 Tod Sato
75 Wallace Terai
76 Shigeo Tanouye
77 William Sakakura
78 Walter Hashimoto
79 Ron Nakayama
80-82 Ted Inouye
83 Mass Kishiyama, Ted Inouye
84 Aileen Fujimoto, Judy Kato
85 Kay Iwata
86-88 Ted T. Inouye
89 June Hashimoto
90 Aileen Fujimoto, Judy Kato
91-92 Alan Mikuni
93-94 Christine Nishihira
95-96 Ted Inouye, Frank Nakasaki
97-03 Alan Mikuni

**French Camp**
**Joined JACL in 1949***
**As an independent French Camp Progressive Citizens club. It voted to join National JACL at this time*
49-50 Bob C. Takahashi
51 John T. Fujiki
52 Hiroshi Shishioka
53 George Ogino
54 George Matsuoka
55 Harry Ota
56 George Kamuro
57 Lawrence Nakano
58 Fumio Kanemoto
59 Mats Murata
60 Tash Hotta
61 Bob Ota
62 Tim Natsuhara
63 Fumio Nishida
64 Bob Tominaga
65 Yoshio Itaya
66 Tak Hamamoto
67 George Y. Komure
68 John Fujiki
69 Hiroshi Shimizu
70-71 Mats Murata
72 Hideo Morisaka
73 Bob Ota
74 Yoshio Itaya
75 Tom Natsuhara
76 Hideo Morisaka
77 John Fujiki
78 George Kamuro
79 Lydia Ota
80 Hiroshi Shimizu
81 Katie Komure
82 Hideo Morisaka
83 Mats Murata
84 Alan Nishi
85 Hideo Morisaka
86 Alan Nishi
87 Carl Yamasaki
88 Fumiko Amano
89 Carl Yamasaki
90-91 Dr. Calvin Ota
92 Dean Komure
93-94 Larry Ota
95-97 Gail Matsui
98 Carl Yamasaki
99-03 Dean Komure

**Fresno**
**Pioneer chapter**
*Organized May 8, 1923* as American Loyalty League, a title still retained by the chapter.*
23 Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe
24 Fred Yoshikawa
25 James Hirokawa
26-27 Lillian Tomita
28 Bob Inouye
29 Tadeo Narcha
30 Fred Yoshikawa
31 Fred Hiramura
32 Bob Inouye
33 Tom Kanase
34 Yoshio Handa
35 Hiro Yamamichi
36 Howard Hatayama
37 Tom Nakamura
38 Bill T. Ishida
39-40 Johnson Kobe
41 Dr. Joseph Sasaki
42 Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe
*Reactivated Feb. 1, 1947, Johnson Kobe (org.)*
47 Johnson Kobe
48 Fred Hiramura
49 Seiichi Mikami
50 Mike Iwatsubo
51 Dr. George Sada
52 Jin Ishikawa
53 Dr. Sumio Kubo, Mike Iwatsubo
54 Seichi Mikami
55 Hugo Kazato
56 Dr. Robert Yabuno
57 Dr. Sumio Kobo
58 Ben Nakamura, George Takaoka
59 George Takaoka
60 James K. Kubota
61 Dr. Shuru Ego
62 Dr. Frank Nishio
63 Dr. Chester Oji
64 Hiro Kusakai
65 Tiny Takikawa
66 Ray Urushima
67 Jack Harada
68 Chiaki Takizawa
69 Robert Teobota
70 Dr. Fred Kubota
71 Izumi Taniguchi
72 Akira Nishioka
73 Bill M. Tsuji, Don Kuramitsu
74 Don Kuramitsu, Dr. Frank Nishio
75 Sally Slocum
76 Taro Katagiri
77 Norton Nishioka
78 Barbara Taniguchi
79 Dr. Kenneth Kamikawa
80 Akira Okada
81 Norman Otani
82 Peggy S. Liggett
83 Deborah Shikami
84 Bick Bowman
85 Ken Yokota
86 Dr Wayne Nishio
87 Dr. Franklin Ng
88 Donald Kaumaki
89 Kathy Kawachi
90 Peggy S. Liggett
91 Henry Kubwe
92-93 Robert Ishikawa
94-95 Deborah Ikeda
96 Ronald Kiyasu
97-99 Bobbi Hanada
00-01 Randy Aoki
02-03 Marcus Chung

**Gardena Valley**
**Organized Jan. 23, 1939**

39-40 George T. Yamauchi
41 Fred H. Noguchi
42 James Yoshinobu
*Reactivated Sept. 25, 1946 Sam Minami (org.)*
47-49 Paul Shinoda
50-51 Henry Ishida
52-53 Ryo Komai
54 Ye Minami
55 Frank Kuida
56 Dr. John Koyama
57 Frank Kuida
58-59 Ronald Shiozaki
60-61 Tadeo Hiraide
62-63 Leon Uyeda
64 Frances Terai
65 George Chagoya
66-67 Fred Ogawara
68 Toshiro Hiraide
69 George Aoyagi
70-71 Helen Kawagoe
72 Tom Shigekuni
73-74 Stuart Tsujimoto
75 Tak Kawagoe
76 Joe Fletcher
77 Helen Kawagoe
78 Chester Sugimoto
79 Mas Odo
80 John Fujikawa
81 Lou Tomita
82 Kari Nobuyuki
83 May Doi
84 Pam Shimada
85-86 Jonathan T. Kaji
87 Deena Hard
88-89 Jonathan T. Kaji
90 Pamela Shimada
91 Jonathan T. Kaji
92-93 Terry Terauchi
95-97 Ronald Doi
98-99 Terry Terauchi
00-03 May Doi

**Gilroy (odu)**

42 Jack Izu
*Reactivated Feb. 1, 1954*
54 Hiroshi Kunimura
55 Joe Ohata
56 Jack Nakano
57 Tom Ohata
58 Shig Yamane
59 Tak Shiba
60-61 Masao Kunimura
62 Manabe Hiraoki
63 Ray Uyeno
64 Robert Kishimura
65 Ray Yanagishi
66 Sam Yonamine
67 Dr. Kiyoshi Kajiha
68 Hiromi Nagaoka
69 John Kado
70 Joe Ohata
71 Lawson Sakai
72 Benny Yamane
73-74 James Yamane
75-76 Shig Yamane
77 Lawson Sakai
78 Bob Hirahara
79 Ray Yamagishi
80 John Hanamoto
81 James Ogawa
82 Sam Soda
83 Atsuko Ohata, Masao Nozawa
84
85 John Kado
86 Dr. Eric R. Nagasoka
87-88 Allan Kowalbachi
89 Michael F. Hashida
90 Masao Nozawa
91 Michael Hashida
92
93 Teri Iwanaga
94
95-96 Kenneth Kamei
97 Janet Yamane
98
99
00 Teri Iwanaga
01
02
03 Mark Tamura

**Golden Gate**
**Organized 1960**

80-81 Sumi Hosozumi
82 Morgan Yamanaka
83-84 Katherine Beyer
85-86 Dennis Kotake
87-89 Robert T. Kawamoto
90
91-92
93-95 Robert T. Kawamoto
96 Yuch Nakashima
97 Elisa Kamimoto, Carole Tatsumoto
98-03 Elisa Kamimoto

**Greater L.A. Singles**
**Organized August 1982**

83 Midori Watanabe
84 Tom Shimazaki
85 Kaz Yoshitomi
86 Karl Nobuyuki
87-88 Meriko Mori
89-90 Kei Ishiguroi
91-92 Janet Okubo
93-94 Christine Ishida
95-96 Miyako N. Kadagawa
97-03 Janet Okubo

**Greater Pasadena Area**
**Organized 1960**

70 Harry Kawahara
71 Robert Uchida
72 Fred Miwa
73 Rei Osaki
74 Robert Uchida
75-76 Franklin Ode
77-00 Harry Kawahara
01-03 Craig Higa, F. Sela
95-03 Bob Uchida

**Gresham Troutdale**
**Organized March 11, 1950**

50-51 Shin Uyetake
52 Jack Ouchida
53 Mas Fujimoto
54 Toshio Okino
55 Kazuo Kinoshita
56 Henry T. Kato
57 Dr. Joe Ouchi
58 Jack Ouchida
59 Kaz Tamura
60 Edward Hanma
61 Kazuo Kinoshita
62 Dr. Joe Ouchi
63 Tosh Okino
64 Henry T. Kato
65 Shigenari Nagae
66 Kazuo Tamura
67 Mas Fujimoto
68 Edward Fujii
69 Dr. Henry Mishima
70 Richard Nishimura
71 Yuch Mishima
72 Henry Kato
73 Kazuo Tamura
74 Shigenari Nagae
75 Hiram Hachiya
76 Richard Nishimura
77 Dr. Henry Mishima
78 Ed Hanma
79 Shin Uyetake
80 Edward Fujii
81-82 Henry Munemitsu
83 Kazuo Kinoshita
84 Ken Kinoshita
85 Edward Hanma
86 Joe M. Ouchi
87 Larry Murohashi
88 Shigenari Nagae
89 Peter Nakamura
90 Kazuo Kinoshita
91 Willie Kinoshita
92 Henry Muramatsu
93-99 Ben Demaw
00-03 Terry Nishikawa

**High Desert (ndu)**
**(Palmdale, Lancaster, Calif.)**

91 Irene Yamasaki
92 Neil Sugimoto
93 John Nakamura
95-03 Vicky Tanosaka

**Hollywood**
**Organized Feb. 26, 1931**

31-32 Henry Tsurutani
*33-50 Merged with Los Angeles*
51 Noboru Ishitani
52-53 Arthur T. Ito
54 Arthur Endo
55 Miwako Yanamoto
56 Danar Abe
57 Paul Kawakami
58 Hideo Izumo
59-60 Mike M. Suzuki
61-62 Fred Tamaze
63 Mildred Miyahara
64 Midori Watanabe
65 Yuki Kamayatsu
66 James Kanahara
67 Muriel Merrell
68-69 Paul Chino
70-71 Alan Kumamoto
72-73 Amy Ishii
74 Tom Takemachi
75-77 Tamae Ogita
78-79 Frances Yokoyama
80-81 Toshiko Ogita
82 William Kaneki
83 Lucie Mase
84-87 Dr. Jerry Wong
88-89 Wiley Higuchi
90 Jerry Wong
91-94 Wiley Higuchi
95-03 France Y. Wong

**Honolulu**
**Organized in 1980**

80-82 Karl Nishimura
83-86 Lawrence D. Kumabe
87-89 Noboru Yonamine
90-92 William Kaneko
93-94 Alleyn Hikida Tanaka
95 Colbert Matsumoto
96-97 Alan Murakami
98-99 Clayton Ito
00 Karl Sakamoto
01 Allison Tanaka
02 Clement Bautista
03 Susan H. Kitto

**Hoosier**
**Organized January 1978**
Mary Sato (org.)

76 George Umemura
77 William R. Alexander
78 Dr. George Hanasono
79 Shirley Nakatsukasa
80-81 Yasuko Matsumoto
82 Katsuto Kojiro
83 Ken Matsumoto
84 K. Sue Hannell
85 Katherine Aso
86 Walter Nakatsukasa
87 George M. Umemura
88 William C. Ridge
89 Yasuko Matsumoto
90 K. Sue Hannel
91
92 Mike Katayama
93 Mimi Hirata
94-96 Charles Matsumoto
97-99 David Suzuki
00-03 Tom Yamamoto

**Houston**
**Organized February 1975**

75-76 Toshio Yamauchi
77 Hiroshi Sakahara
78-79 Edward L. Hall
80-81 Shigemasa Osaki
82-84 Daniel Watanabe
85-86 Betty Waki
87-89 Mas Yamasaki
90 Dr. Daniel Watanabe
91-97 Betty Waki
98
99
00 Mari Okalayashi
01
02
03 George Hosaki

**Idaho Falls**
**Organized May 17, 1940, as Southeastern Idaho**

40 Yukio Inouye
41-42 Mitsugi Kasai
*Renamed Idaho Falls*
43-44 Yukio Inouye
45-46 Eli Kobayashi
47 Sadao Morishita
48 Fred Ochi
49 Charles Hirai
50 Joe Nishioka
51 Kay Tokita
52 George H. Nakaya
53 Takeo Haga
54 Sam Yamasaki
55 George Tokita
56 Shiji Nakaya
57 Joe Nishioka
58 Dete Harada
59 Bud I. Sakaguchi
60-61 Lee H. Hosoda
62-63 Sach Mikami
64 Sam Sakaguchi
65 Todd Ogawa
66-67 Haruo Yamasaki
68 Sadao Morishita
69-70 George Nakaya
71 Dete Harada
72-73 Hal Hasegawa
74-75 Ronald Harada
76 Margret Hasegawa
77-79 Clarke Kido
79-81 Gary Koyama
82-83 Brian Murohashi
86 Shoji Nakaya
87 Eli R. Kobayashi
88 Margaret Sakaguchi
89 Ewid T. Ogawa
90 Brian Murohashi
91
92 Yuki Harada
93-94 Tom Ogawa
95 Carol Saito
96-02 Walter Sato
03 Bryan Morishita

**Imperial Valley**
**Organized May 12, 1958**

56-59 Harry T. Maruta
60 Hatsuo Morita
61-62 George Kobayashi
62 Ike Hashimoto, Dr. Hitoshi Ikeda
64 Oscar Kadama
65 Larry Shimamoto
66 Shuzo Yamashita
67-68 Dr. Hitoshi Ikeda
69 Hatsuo Morita
70 Takaneri Nimura
71-73 Dr. Miyoshi Ikeda
74 George Kakiuchi
75-76 Yoshiya Santanmatsu
77 George Kodama
78 Takaneri Nimura
79-80 Preston Hill
81-82 Takaneri Nimura
83-84 Dennis Morita
85 Michael Kakiuchi
86 Allan Pighin
87 H. Sugiura
88 Robert Lewis
89 Pete Lewis
90 Dennis Morita
91-92 Miyoshi Ikeda
93-01 Larry Shimamoto
02-03 James Jackson

**Japan**
**Organized 1980**

80-82 Barry Saiki
83-84 Dick Yamashita
85-86 Calvin Kuniyuki
87 Dick Shinsuki
88 Robert Kent
89 David Kagui
90 Dick H. Yamashita
00 Caroline Kawashima, Clay West
91-95 Kenta Takamori
96-97 James Minamoto
98
99
00 Keith Kitano
01
02
03 George Nagatsuka

**Lake Washington**
**Organized 1982**

82 John Matsumoto
83 Ken Onuma
84 Taul Watanabe
85 Tets Yasuda
86 Peter Okada
87 John H. Matsumoto
88 Charles Yates
89 Peter Nakamura
90 Taul Watanabe
91-92
93 James H. Nohara
94
95 Don Maekawa
96-97 James Arima
98-99 Rose Nohara
00-02 Hugh Burleso
03 Rose Nohara

**Las Vegas**
**Organized Nov. 8, 1974**

73 Takashi Kubota
76 George Goto
77 Ruby M. Eawa
78 William Endow
79-80 Lillian Morimoto
81 Don Frazier
82 Gean Yamashita
83 Tom Watanabe
84 George Goto
85 Lillian Morimoto
86 George Goto
87 Wayne Tanaka
88 Kazuo Matsunaga
89 Joe Fujimoto
90 George Goto
91 Gary Namba
92 George Goto
93 Bill Endo
94 George Goto
95-96 Edgar J. Wakamiya, Ph.D.
98 Dean Kajioka
99-01 Betty Atkins
02-03 Garrett Ogata

**Livingston-Merced**
*Founded as Stanislaus-Merced in 1938*
38-Roy M. Kishi
41-42 Jack Noda
*Reactivated Jan. 22, 1949*
48-49 David Kurihara
50 Kiyo Yoshino
51 Boichi Kajiwara
52 Tom Nakashima
53 Frank Suzuki
54 James Kurihara
55 George Yagi
56 Lester K. Yoshida
57 Frank Shoji
58 Fred M. Hashimoto
59 Ray Okahara
60 Gene Hamaguchi
61 Tets Morimoto
62 Buddy T. Iwata
63 Kazuo Masuda
64 Frank Suzuki
65 Tom Nakashima
66 Walter Morimoto
67 Fred Kishi
68 Fred Hashimoto
69 Bob Morimoto
70-71 Robert Ohki
72-74 Nori Tashima
75-76 Leonard Kinoshita
77-78 Carolina Nakashima
79-80 Jean Kida
81 Gary Hamaguchi
82 Paul Okuye
83 Douglas Fraga
84 Carole Koda
85 Steven Kurihara
86-87 Myrtle Shibata
88-89 John D. Kirihara
90 Carole Koda
91, 92
93 Grace Kimoto
94
95 Christopher Maeda
96-97 Gordon Morimoto
98 Bob Taniguchi
99
00-01 Steve Yamasaki
02-03 Chris Maeda

**Lodi (odu)**

41-42 Sam Funamura
*Reactivated Nov. 1, 1976*
77 Taul Takao
78 James Ishida
79 Fred H. Nagata
80 David Morimoto
81 Kazuto Dajogo
82 Gordon Nitta
83 Dr. Keith Kanegawa
84 Kenneth Takeda
85 Dr. Ronald Oye
86 Sachi Ishida
87 William Hinkle
88 Kazuto Dajogo
89 Frank Sasaki
90 Kenneth Takeda
91-92
93 Tom Kurahara
94
95 Kenji Hiramoto
96-97 Dennis Morita
98
99
00-03 William Hinkle

**Marin County**
**Organized 1975**

75 Bill Tsuji
76-77 John Tateishi
78 Dennis Sato
79 Steven Gotanda
80-82 Hiroshi Ita
83 Bruce Shimura
84 David Nakagawa
85 Dennis Sato
86-89 Dennis Sato
90 David Nakagawa
91-93 Bob Koshiyama
95-97 Dr. Dennis Sato
98-00 Carole Hayashino
01 Steve Gotanda
02-03 Kenji Tyrone

**Marina / SCAN**
**(Los Angeles)**
**Organized 1970**

79-80 Paul T. Suzuki
81 Bobe Toshiko Bowhke
82-83 Edward Goka
84-85 Sam Sunada
86 Shirley Chami
87 Neal Nakamoto
88 Dennis Wakita
89 Shirley Chami
90 Sam Sunada
91 Stacy Kato
92-93 Isaac Hirano
*SCAN merged with Marina JACL in 1994*
94 Isaac Hirano, Galen Murakawa
95 Galen Murakawa
96-97 Wayne Nagata
98-03 Linda Hara

**Marysville**
**Organized July 18, 1925***
**(Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Colusa)**
**Originally organized as American Loyalty League in 1920, the earlier records are missing.*
35-37 Chas. M. Ishizu, Kie Maruyama
38 Harry Fukushima
39 Frank Nakamura
*Reactivated as Marysville*
46 Frank F. Nakamura
47 Sam Kurihara
48-49 Frank F. Nakamura
50-51 Akiji Yoshimura
52 Masanobu Oji
53-54 Frank N. Okimoto
55 Dan F. Nishita
56 George H. Inouye
57 George Nakao
58 George Okamoto
59 Bill Tsuji
60 Dr. Yutaka Tanda
61 Shumi Matsumoto
62 Terry Manji
63 Roger Tokunaga
64 Robert Kadama
65 Arthur Oji
66 George Yoshimoto
67 Clark Takenaga
68 Fred Matsui
69 Ray Fukui
70 Tosh Sano
71 Harry Fukumitsu
72 George Nakagawa
73 Ken Yoshikawa
74 Sadao Itamura
75-76 Bill Henry
77-78 Bill Tsuji
79 Roy Hatamiya
80 George Nakao
81 George H. Inouye
82 Robert R. Kadama
83-84 Mrs. Helen Manji
85 Momoko Hatamiya, et al. Exec. Council
86 Momoko Miriam Hatamiya
87-88 Fred Okimoto
89 Irene Itamura
90 Helen Manji
91 Cliff Fukumitsu, Frank Hatamiya Jr., Terry Itano
92 Frank Hatamiya, Terry Itano, Gerry Tsurula
93 Terry Itano
94 Terry Manji, Gerry Tsurula, Tae Sano
95-96 Roy Hatamiya, Yuki Kyono, Mr. Terry Manji
97 Yuki Kyono
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00 Cinda Low, Fred Okimoto
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03 Clifford Fukumitsu, Darrell Naruto, Frank Hatamiya, Jr.

**Mid-Columbia**
**Organized 1931 as Hood River JACL**

31 George Kinoshita
32 Kumeo Yoshinari
33 Kazuo Kanemasu
34 Min Yasui
35 Kumeo Yoshinari
*Renamed Mid Columbia*
36-37 Kazuo Kanemasu
38 George Kinoshita
39 Harry Morioka
39-40 Mits Takasumi
41 Mark Sato
42 Kumeo Yoshinari
*Reactivated May 18, 1946*
46-47 Mamoru Noji
48 Masami Arai
49 Roy T. Yasui
50 Sho Endow Jr
51 Taro Arai
52 Setsu Shitara
53 Koe Nishimoto
54 Ray Sato
55 Bob Kageyama
56 Mamoru Kiyokawa
57 George Nakamura
58 Noburu Hazuda
59 Clifford Nakamura
60 Sho Endow Jr
61 Mits Takasumi
62 Taro Arai
63 Ray Sato
64 Min Arai
65 George Tamura
66 George Nakamura
67 Homer Akiyama
68 Dr. Salmon Akiyama
69 Kee Nishimoto
70 Tom Sumago
71-72 Taro Yasui
73 Bill Hirata
74 Mitsuo Takasumi
75-76 Mamoru Noji
77 Mits Takamatsu
78 Sam Mayle
79 Valiant T. Ogawa
80 Sumo Bullock, Bill Hirata
81 Maija Yasui
82 Harry Iwatsuki
83 Yushi Kiyokawa
84 Ken Tamura
85 Sam Arai
86 Donna Schack
87 Nancy Tamura
88 Rhonda Wood
89 Stuart Kawachi
90 Ken Tamura
91-92
93 Vinnie Schlosser
94
95 George Nakamura
96-03 Nancy Tamura

**Mile-High**
**Organized 1938 as Denver JACL**
*Founded on an independent basis, Denver JACL became part of the national JACL in 1944.*
39 Shimpei Sakaguchi
40 Charles Sojyoshi
*Reactivated in 1944*
44 George S. Kashiwagi
45 Taki Daimto, Jr.
46 Dr. Takashi Mayeda
47 George Masunaga
48 George Otsuchi, Bess (Matsuda) Shiyomura
49-50 Tadao Ando
51 Y. Tak Terasaki
52 Roy H. Mayeda
53 John T. Noguchi
54 Sam Y. Matsumoto
55 Harry H. Sakata
56 John Sakuyama
57 Leonard Uchida
58 John Masunaga
59 Robert Y. Uyeda
60 Ouki Tanizaki
61 Yutaka Terasaki
62 Mike Tashiro
63 Bill Kuroki
64 Dave Furukawa
65 Dan Tanabe
66 Robert Horiuchi, Henry Tobe
67 Sam Owada
68 Harry Harada
69 Dr. Koji Kazui
70-74 Takashi Mayeda
75-76 Margo Tanizaki
77-78 Kiyoto Futa
78-84 William Y. Takahashi
85 Tim T. Masamori
86-88 Robert Sakaguchi
89 Dr. James Taguchi, Emilie Ito
90 Dr. William Takahashi
91 Emilie Ito
92-96 Tim Migaki
97 Dr. Frank Sakamoto
98 Dr. Mark Shimoda
99 Gilbert Asakawa, Dr. Mark Shimoda
00-02 Mark Shimoda
03 Les Imada

**Monterey Peninsula**
**Organized Jan. 25, 1932**

32 Hisashi Arie
33 Sachi Sugano
34 Hal Higashi
35 Bob Sakamoto
36 Fugauda Inada, Kaz Oka
37 Hal Higashi
38 Masuta Suyama
39 Chester Ogi
40-41 James Tabata
42 Kaz Oka
*Reactivated in 1946*
46-47 James Tabata
48 Kiyoshi Nobusada
49 Henry Tanaka
50 Mickey Ichinjo
51 James Tabata
52 Kenneth H. Sato
53 George T. Enoki
54 Harry Maeda
55 George T. Enoki
56 George Kodama
57 Hoshito Miyamoto
58 Barton T. Yoshida
59 Akio Sugimoto
60 Paul Ichinjo
61 Frank Tanaka
62 Mas Yokogawa
63 Clifford Nakajima
64-65 Mike Sanda
66 George Uyeda
67 Dr. John Ishizuka
68 Kei Nakamura
69 Dr. Takashi Hattori
70 George Tanaka
71-72 Isaac Kageyama
72 Tak Yokota
73 Harue Nakasako
74 Jim Fukuhara
75 George Uyeda
76 Douglas Jacobs
77 Reyal Maeda
78-80 Jack Nishida
81 Mickey Ichinjo
82 Oju Kadani
83 Kazuko Matsuyama
84 Robert Ouye
85 David Yamada
86 Joan Ouye
87 Aiko Matsuyama
88 Jack Harris
89 Richard West
90 Robert Ouye
91 Kazuko Matsuyama
92
93 Keith Kuwatani
94
95-97 Kazuko Matsuyama
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99
00-03 Larry Oda

**Mount Olympus**
**(Salt Lake City)**
**Organized Dec. 27, 1943**
Frank T. Teshima (org)

44-45 Shigeki Ushio
46 George Fujii
47 Tats Matsumori
48 George Fujii
49 Min Matsumori
50 Helen Shimizu
51 Min Hoki
52 Jim Ushio
53 George Fujii
54 James Hirabayashi
55 Mas Namba
56 Ida Tateoka
57 George Tamura
58-59 Lou Nakagawa
60 Ken Tamura, Kiyo Matsumori, Yuki Namba
61-62 Bob Mukai
63-64 Yukuo Inouye
65 Kenneth Hanshaw
66-67 Frank Yoshimura
68 Shigeru Motoki
69-70 Ken Nedzu
71-72 Shigo Arimoto
73-74 Tosh Hoki
75 Yas Tokita
76 Joe Chiba
77-78 Kenneth Nedzu
79-81 Douglas Matsumori
82 Yas Tokita
83 J.D. Inouye, Kenneth Nedzu
84 Kenneth Nedzu
85-86 Dan Watanabe
87-89 S. Floyd Mori
90 Ken Nedzu
91-97 Brad Tateoka
98-00 Jeff Nakashima
01-03 Silvana Watanabe

**New England**
**(Boston, Mass.)**
**Organized Feb. 7, 1948**

48-49 Harvey Aki
50 Jin Kinoshita
51 Dr. Tetsu Morita
*Reactivated in 1960*
60-61 Dr. David Sakura
84 Ken Kaneda
85-86 May Takayanagi
87-88 Robert Maeda
89 Gary Glenn
90 Kei Kaneda
91-94
95-97 Gary Glenn
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03 Stephen Nishino

**New Mexico**
**Organized Jan. 20, 1948, as Albuquerque JACL**

48 Frank Matsufuru
49 Fred Yoshimoto
50 Sam Yonemoto
51 George Matsuhara
52 Art Tagami
53 Charles Matsuhara
54 Ruth Hashimoto
55 Mike Yonemoto
56 George Matsuhara
*Reactivated Feb. 1977 as New Mexico*
76-77 Glenn Hamada
78 Ronald Shibata
79 Charles Kobayashi
80-81 Ken Yonemoto
82-84 Calvin Kobayashi
85 Henry Tamura
86-89 Harry Watson
90 Randy Shibata
91 Harry Watson
92-93 Mose Kishiyama
94-96 Darrell Yonemoto
97 Joe Ando
98 Bobby Yotsuuye, Hugh Akutagawa
99 Calvin Kobayashi
00-02 Sei Tokuda
03 Calvin Kobayashi

**New York**
**Organized June 16, 1941**

44-45 Al Funahashi
46 Yurma Takuyoshi
47-48 Tom Hayashi
49-50 Akira Hayashi
51 Frank Okazaki
52-53 Woodrow Asai
54-56 Sam Kai
57 William K. Sakayama
58 Kenji Noguki
59-60 George Kyutow
61-63 George Kurahara
63 Marian Glasser
64-67 Jack Osawa
68 Mooreay Kajima
69-70 Yoshi T. Inui
71-72 Mooreay Kajima
73-77 Ronald Inouye
78-81 Ruby Y. Schaar
82-83 Tom Kometani
84-85 B.J. Watanabe
86-92 Lillian Kimura
93 Tom Kometani
94-98 Ronald Uba
98-99 Steven Nagata
00-03 Sumi Kaide

**North San Diego**
**Organized Aug. 24, 1982**

82 Dr. James Kawahara
83-84 George Yasukochi
85-86 Tom Sonoda
87-88 George Nagata
89-90 Bob Nakano
91-92 Tom T. Honda
93-94 Joe Y. Hamada
95-96 Tony Hirai
97-00 Frank Hirata
01-99 Thomas Sonoda
00-03 Shinzo Nomura

**Olympia**
**Organized 1983**

84 Ted Masumoto
85 Marsha T. Long

86 Ted Masumoto
87-88 John Umino
89 Tony Yamane
90 Tiel Masumoto
91
92-93 Dorothy Sato-Brooks
94-95
96-97 Aaron Owada
98
99 J. Reiko Callner
00-01 Setsuko Ichiba
02-03 Susan Otaki Welsh

**Omaha**
**Organized June 26, 1947**
47-48 K. Patrick Okura
50 Robert Nakaishi
51 Cecil J. Ishii
52-53 Jack T. Tanai
54-55 Frank Tanai
56-57 Manuel Matsunami
58-59 Kazuo Ikehara
60-63 Mike Watanabe
64-65 Em Nakadoi
66-69 Noriaki Okada
70-71 Walter Allen
72-75 Miss Kawamoto
76-77 Edward Ishii
78-79 Dr. Peter Suzuki
80-81 John Kawamoto
82-85 Steve Hasegawa
86-89 Sharon Ishii-Jordan
90-91 Jackie Shindo, Akiye Bebarich
92-95 Russell Matsunami
96-01 Reiko Parker
02-03 Sharon Ishii-Jordan

**Orange County**
**Organized Oct. 26,1935**
34-35 Frank Takenaga
36 Kiyoshi Higashi
37 Hatsumi Yamada
38 Leonard Miyawaki
39 Stephen K. Tamura
40 Harry Ogawa
41 Yoshiki Yoshida
42-46 Henry Kanegae
*Reactivated Jan. 11,1947*
47-48 Frank Mizumoto
49 Bill Okuda
50 Eiden Kanegae
51-52 Hitoshi Nitta
53-54 Ken Uyesugi
55-56 George Konno
57-58 Harry Matsukane
59 George Ichien
60 Dr. Fred Kobayashi
61 Henry Kanegae
62 James Yamasaki
63 Minoru Inafuku
64 Roy H. Uno
65 Mas Uyesugi
66-67 Ben Shimizu
68 Frank Nagamatsu
69 James Okazaki
70 Jim Kiuchi
71 Harry Nishimura
72 Karen Kainuka
73-74 Henry S. Sakai
75-76 Michael Ishikawa
77 Steve Nakajima
78 Gloria Julagay
79-80 Ken Hayashi
81 Lois Kobashi, MD
82-83 Warren Nagano
84-86 Carrie Okamura
87-03 Betty Oka

**Parlier**
**Organized 1935**
35-36 Akira Chiamori
37 Byrd Kumataka
38 James Kuroki
39 Akira Chiamori
40-42 James Kuroki
*Reactivated Jan. 28, 1949*
49 Byrd Kumataka, Akira Chiamori
50 Kango Ouchi
51 Marvel Takata
52 Gerald M. Ogata
53 Kaz Kawate
54 Bill H. Tsuji
55 Ronald K. Ota
56 Ralph T. Kimoto
57 Harry T. Kubo
58 Bill Watanabe
59 John Kashiki
60 Ralph T. Kimoto
61 Kango Ouchi
62-63 Robert I. Okamura
64 Jasmo N. Kozuki
65 Bill H. Tsuji
66 Tom Takata
67 Harry T. Kubo
68 Ted Kawamoto
69 James N. Kozuki
70 Robert I. Okamura
71 Harry T. Kubo
72 James N. Kozuki
73 Bill H. Tsuji
74 Larry Hikiji
75-80 Noboru J. Doi
81-82 Robert I. Okamura
83-84 James Geshi
85-88 Bill Tsuji
89 James Kozuki
90 James Geshi
91, 92
93 Robert Okamura
94, 95
96-00 Tadashi Kozuki
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02
03 Tadashi Kozuki

**Pasadena**
*It was first organized in 1938 as an independent Nisei Civic League, then affiliated with the JACL*
41-42 Noba Kawai
*Reactivated Apr. 3, 1949*
48 Noba Kawai
49 Kei Mikuriya
50-51 Dr. Tom T. Omori
52 Ken Dye
53 Jim Oishi
54-55 Ben T. Ito
56-57 Harris Ozawa
58-59 Ken Yamaguchi
60 Tom T. Ito
61 Mack Yamaguchi
62 Eiko Matsui
63-64 Kimi Fukutaki
65-66 Mary Yuen
67-68 Mrs. Akiko Abe
69-70 Kimi Fukutaki
71 Mack Yamaguchi
72-73 Thelma Steely
74 Mack Yamaguchi
75-76 Mrs. Jane Taylor
77-80 Miyo Semaki
81 Jim Ishii
82-83 Fred Hiraoka
84-94 Miyo Semaki
91-92 Mack Yamaguchi
93 Miyo Semaki

**Philadelphia**
**Organized Oct.12, 1948**
47 Tito Iwasaki
48-49 Jack K. Ozawa
50 Mariko Ishiguro
51 Noboru Kobayashi, Naomi Nakano
52 Garry G. Oye
53 Ben Obama
54 Dr. H. Tom Tanaka
55 William M. Marutani
56 S. Sim Endo
57 Warren H. Watanabe
58 Louise Maehara
59 Hiroshi Uyehara
60 Stanley Nagahashi
61 Allen H. Okamoto
62 Kaz Horita
63 Tadao Kaname, Kaz Horita
64 Roy Kita
65 Herbert J. Horikawa
66 N. Richard Horikawa
67 K. Howard Okamoto
68 Mas Miyasaki
69 Albert B. Ikeda
70 Dave Yoshioka
71 Albert B. Ikeda
72-73 George K. Higashi
74 George Suto
75-76 Thomas Song
77 Russell P. Mori
78-79 Grayce K. Uyehara
80-81 Teresa Maebori
82-83 Kuniaki Mihara
84 Reiko Gaspar
85-86 Jack Ozawa
87-88 Rodger Nagaki
89 Mas Nishi
90 Reiko Gaspar
91-92 Taryn Yokomizo
93 William Y. Kishi
94-96 Edmund M. Nakawatase
97-98 Paul M. Uyehara
99-00 Toshi Abe
01-03 A. Hirotoshi Nishikawa

**Placer County**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized May 1928**
28-29 Tien Yego
30-31 Kay Takamoto
32 Sam Inouye
33 Kay Takemoto
34 Tom Yego
35 Louie Oki
36 Tim Matsumoto
37 Comma Sakamoto
38 Masuyuki Yego
39 Henry Nakagawa
40 Louie Oki
41 George Sakamoto
42-45 Kay Takemoto
46 Jeff K. Azuma
47 Tom Matsumoto, Ray Takemoto
48 Kay Takemoto
49 Howard Nakao
50 James Makimoto
51 Frank Hironaka
52 Homer Takahashi
53 Tadashi Yego
54 Koichi Uyeno
55 Wilson Makabe
56 George Itow
57 Hugo Nishimoto
58 George Hirokawa
59 Dr. Kay E. Kashiwahara
60 Aster Kondo
61 Ellen Koto
62 Kunio Okuno
63 Harry Kawahata
64 Jack Shinkawa
65 Dick Nishimura
66 Minoru Kakiuchi
67 Tom Takahashi
68 Herbert Tokutomi
69 Noboya Nimura
70-71 Rusty Uratsu
72 Soichi Otow
73 Don Yamasaki
74 Frank Kogita
75 Koichi Uyeno
76-77 Chester K. Yamada
78-79 Cyrena K. Sakamoto
80-81 Al Nitta
82-83 Kay Miyamura
84-85 Ken Tokutomi
86 Lee Kunimoto
87-88 Hike M. Yogo
89 Chester Yamada
90 Ken Tokutomi
91-92 Thaya Cruz
93 Chester Yamada
94-95
96-00 Thaya Muse Cruz
01
02
03 Linda Dickerson, Barbara Ouchi

**Pocatello-Blackfoot**
**Organized 1941**
41 George Shinzawa
42-43 Paul Okamura
44 Nova Kato
45 Tom Morimoto
46 Hero Shiwaki
47 Harvey Yamashita, Sam Yokota
48 George Shinzawa
49 Paul Okamura, Mass Tsukamoto
50 Mass Tsukamoto
51 Bill Yoden
52 George Sato
53-54 Bennie Yokota
55-56 Wm. T. Yamauchi
57-58 Novo Kato
59-60 Hero Shiwaki
61-62 George Shinzawa
63 Joe Sato
64 Kazuo Endow
65 George Sumida
66 Mass Tsukamoto
67 K. Sato
68 Bob Endo
69-71 Miko Abe
72-73 Mass Tsukamoto
74 Harvey Nishimura
75 Bob Endo
76 Shin Kawamura
77 Allen Sato
78-79 Mass Tsukamoto
80-81 Mike Abe
82-83 Paul Okamura
84 Kunio Yamada
85-86 Kaz Sumida
87-89 Hero Shiwaki
90 Kunio Yamada
91
92 Hero Shimaki
93 Mass Tsukamoto
94 Stan Endo
95
96-98 Maki Kawahami
99-00 Mass Tsukamoto
01 Karl Endo
02
03 Karl Endo

**Portland**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized Sept. 1928**
28 Charles Yoshii
29-30 Dr. K. Kayama
31-34 Roy Yokota
35-36 Hito Okada
37-38 Manaro Wakasugi
39-40 Howard Nomura
41-42 Newton Uyesugi
*Reactivated April 30, 1946*
*Kenzo Nakagawa, org.*
46 Toshi Kugo
47 George Azumano
48 Makoto Iwashita, Toshi Kugo, Mary Minamoto
49 *No Officers*
50 Hiram Hachiya, Mary Minamoto
51 Mamaru Wakasugi
52 Matthew Masuoka
53 John Hada, Martha Ouchi
54 Dr. Mitsuo Nakata
55 Noki Sumida
56 Shigeru Hongo
57 Noki Sumida
58-59 Kimi Tambara
60 George Gekuzu
61-62 John Hada
63 Emi Somekawa
64 Akira Iwasaki
65 Dr. George Hara
66 Walter Fushigumi
67 Dr. Albert Oyama
68 Roger Kame
69 Dr. Franklin Minami
69-70 Roger Shimizu
71 Ken Izumi
72 Tomi Ohta
73-97 Toshiko Yoshida
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01-03 Josh Ishimatsu

**Puyallup Valley**
**Organized Feb. 1931**
31-32 James Manabu Yamamoto
33-34 Daiichi Yoshioka
35-36 Taro Kuramoto
37-38 Dan Sakahara, Howard Sakura
39-40 Mas Nakanishi
41-42 Lefty S. Sasaki
*Reactivated Feb. 19, 1949*
48-49 Kaz Yamane
50 Art Yamada
51 Tom Takemura
52 Hiroshi Sakahara
53 John Sasaki
54 Robert Mizukami
55 Dr. Kay Tada
56 Yash Kawahata
57 Thomas Takemura
58 Dr. John Kanda
59 Robert Mizukami
60 Dr. Sam Ushijima
61 Toshio Taylor
62 Kaz Yamane
63 George Iwahori
64 Joseph H. Kosai
65 Frank H. Kimoto
66 George Murakami
67 Frank Murakami
68-69 Yoshio Kosai
70-71 Yoshihiko Tanabe
72-74 Emi Somekawa
75-76 Dr. Paul W. Ellis
77 Gregory Mizukami
78 Tom Shigio
79 Tiel M. Masumoto
80-81 Joseph H. Kosai
82 Dr. John M. Kanda
84-85 Emi Somekawa
86-87 Rev. Tom Fukuyama
88 Jamie Yoshiwara
89 H. Del Tanabe
90 Emi Somekawa
91 H. Del Tanabe
92-93 Jeffrey Hiroo
94-97 Garry Fujita
98-00 Elsie (Yotsuoye) Taniguchi
01-03 Steve Kase

**Reedley**
**Organized June 6, 1935**
35 George Ikuta
36 Robert Okamura
38 Charles Iwasaki
40 Seiichi Kiyomoto
41 Keiji Kitahara
42 George Ikuta
*ReactivatedSept. 25,1948*
48 Masaru Abe
49 Marsha U. Hirose
50 Charles Iwasaki
51 Mas Sakamoto
52 Jack Shimomi
53 Dr. Akira Tajiri
54 Masaru Abe
55 Charles Iwasaki
56 Dr. James Ikemiya
57 Tak Naito
58 Ed Yano
59 Frank Kimura
60 Kiyoshi Kawamoto
61 Toru Ikeda
62 Ken Kitahara
63 Henry Hosaka
64 Bill Yamada
65 William Wake
66 George Kiyomoto
67 George Ikemiya
68 George Katsuki
69 Harry Iwanaga
70 George Hosaka
71 Dr. Kanji Asami
72 Sam Nakagawa
73-74 Larry Iwasaki
75 Ken Sunamoto
76 Ray Watari
77 Ben Nishizaka
78 Harvey Hamamoto
79 Wayne Kai
80 Dennie D. Ikuta
81 Ten Kuramoji
82 George Ikuta
83 Dale Okamura
84 Stan Hirahara
85 Curtis Kaga
86 Tom Shimanoki
87 Stanley Ishii
88-89 Tim Kurumaji
90 Stan Hirahara
91-92
93 Stan Hirahara
94-95
96-00 Stan Hirahara
01
02
03 Stan Hirahara

**Reno**
**Organized March 11, 1940**
48 Max Baba
49 Fred Yamaguchi
50 George Oshima
51 Oscar Fujii
52 Fred Aoyama
53 Oscar Fujii
54-55 Fred Aoyama
56 Henry Hattori
57 Ida Fukui
58-59 Bud Fujii
60 Rena Aoyama
61 Yoshio Fujii
62 Eunice Oshima
63 Robert Debold
64 Max Baba
65 Fred Aoyama
66 Ben Oki
67 Joyce Chikami
68 William R. Sparr
69 Ken Fujimoto
70-71 Dr. Eugene Choy
72 James Ihara
73 Wilson Makabe
74 Kiyoshi Hase
75 David Baba
76 Ronald Yamamoto
77 Molly K. Yamashita
78 Sam Wada
79
80 Ben Oki
81 Ken Date
82-83 Fred Sun
84 Linda Okada
85-86 Buddy Fujii
87-89 Norman Okada
89 Ken Sakamoto
90 Linda Okada
91 Cary Yamamoto
96-97 Cynthia Lo
98
99 Randy Onitsuka
00 Budd Fujii
01 Mimi Fujii-Strickler
02
03 Mimi Fujii-Strickler

**Riverside**
**Organized May 29,1967**
67 William Takano
68 Dr. Gen Ogata
69 Mas Kokubun
69-70 Les Asaoka
71 Dolly Ogata
72 Jim Urata
73 Glenn Michel
74 Peter Sasaki
75 Mable Bristol
76 Jack Nakaya
77 Michiko Yoshimura
78-79 Carl Bristol
80 Douglas Urata
81 Dolly Ogata
82 Clifford MacNiven
84 Kiyoko S. Hatamoto
85-86 Dr. Junji Kumamoto
87-88 William Takano
89 Mejko Inaba
90 Kiyoko S. Hatamoto
91 Douglas Urata
92-93 Michiko Yoshimura
94-95 John Kuruta, Beverly Inaba
96-97 Beverly Inaba, Clyde Wilson
98-99 Clyde Wilson
00-03 Michiko Yoshimura

**Sacramento**
**Organized 1922**
*Originally organized in 1922 as American Loyalty League.*
22-24 Walter Tsuhamoto
24-31 Inactive
*Chartered Oct. 31, 1931*
31-36 Walter Tsuhamoto
37 Dr. Joe Muramoto
38 Henry Tokita
39 Edward Kitazumi
40 Dr. George Tashiashi
41 Dr. George G. Muramoto
*Reactivated Aug. 10,1947*
*Henry Tokita (org.)*
48 Dr. Yoshito Harada
49 Mitsuru Nishio
50 Dr. Alwin Sato & Kiyo Sato
51 William M. Matsumoto
52 Giiji Mizutani
53 George Tanihara
54 Toko Fujii
55 Dean T. Itano
56 Percy Masaki
57 Mamoru Sakuma
58 Katsuro Murakami
59 Dr. Rich Matsumoto
60-61 Takashi Tsujita
62 Frank Hiyama
63 Ralph Nishimi
64 Tom Sato
65 Kinya Noguchi
66 Charles Kobayashi
67-68 Tom Fujimoto
69 Robert Matsui
70 Carnegie Onye
71 Frank A. Iwama
72 Dennis Nishikawa
73 Phil Hiroshima
74 Roy T. Izumi
75 Sumiko Sayemaga
76-77 Floyd Shimamura
78 Donald H Ito
79 David Takashima
80 Keith Yamanaka
81 Gerald Takehara
82 Warren Kashiwagi
83-84 Debra Ota-Reed
85 Bud Nishi
86-88 Priscilla Ouchida
89 Lee Hatamiya
90 Mike Iwahiro
91-92 Mike Sawamura
93-94 Randy Imai
95-97 Dick Fukushima
98-99 Mineko Sawamura
00 Dean Okimoto
01 Dr. Richard Ikeda
02-03 Gary Kuwahara

**Saint Louis**
**Organized Aug. 17, 1946**
46 Sam Nakano
47-48 Henry Tani
49-50 Joseph Tanaka
51 Edward Kogama
52 Dr. Alfred Morioka
53 George K. Hasegawa
54 Harry H. Hayashi
55 Rose Ogino
56 Richard T. Hemm
57 Dan Sakahara
58 Kiichi Hiramoto
59 Dr. Alfred Morioka
60 Dr. Henry M. Ema
61 George K. Hasegawa
62 Lee Miyasaka
63-64 Dr. Jackson Eto
65 Dr. Geo. Uchiyama
66 Lee Durham
67 George Hasegawa
68 Roger Miyasaka
69 Dr. John Hara
70 David Shimamoto
71 Dr. Otto Furuta
72 Dr. Norman C. Ito
73 Mae Marshall
74 Yuki Ikkimura
75 George Sakaguchi
76 Edward Tsugita
77 George Sakaguchi
78-79 Lee Durham
80 Paul Harano
81 Robert Mitori
82-83 Sam M. Nakano
84-85 Ed Tsugita
86-87 George Sakaguchi
88 Cathy Hiramaka
89 Dr. Michael Hashiko
90 Nikki Hara
91-92 Steven Mitori
93-94 Dr. Kendall Ikeda
95-96 Mike Kimura
97 Irma Yokota
98-99 Kendall Ikeda
00-03 Wendy Ball

**Salinas Valley**
**Organized in 1931**
31 Takeo Yuki
32 Harry Kita
33 Tats Fujino
34 Henry Shigemura
35 John Urabe
36 Harry Kita
37 Takeo Yuki
38 Kenzo Yoshida
39-40 Harry Shiraishi
41-42 Henry Tanda
*Reactivated May 17,1946*
46-47 James Abe
48 Henry Tanda
49-50 Bay Sakaegawa
51-52 Tom Miyazaga
53-54 John Terakawa
55-56 James Tanda
57 Kenneth Sato
58 Henry Tanda
59-60 Kiyo Hirano
61-62 Harvey Kitamura
63 Tom Myazaga
64-65 Ted Demoto
66-67 Bob Yamamoto
68-69 Henry Hibino
70-71 Shiro Higashi
72 Harry Ida
73-74 Tom Miyazaga
75 L. Hayes Dunn
76 Dr. Joe Hiramoto
77 Shiro Higashi
78-79 Ben Miyaoka
80 Helen Kitaji
81 Bob Uemura
82 Dr. Joe Hiramoto
83 Kiyoshi Hirano
84 Tom Miyazaga
85 Harry K. Sakaegawa
86 Bob Uemura
87-88 Ted Ikemoto
89 Henry Hibino
90 Tom Miyazaga
91 Shiro Higashi
92-93 Larry Umetani
94-95 Henry Hikino
96-97 Paul T. Ichiuji
98 Bonnie Marquardt
99-00 Robert Shintaku
01 George Higashi
02-03 Jun Tashiro

**Salt Lake City**
**Organized Mar. 8, 1935**
*Miyo Asahina (org.)*
35 Joe G. Masaoka
36 Joe Kurumada
37 William T. Yamauchi
38-39 Mike M. Masaoka
41 Shigeki Ushio
42-43 Dr. Jun Kurumada
44 Isamu Aoki
45 Kay Terashima
46 Alice Kami
47 Tom Hashiyama
48 Dr. Jun Kurumada
49 George Sakashita
50-51 George Mochizuki
52 Masami Yano
53 Dr. Shig Matsukawa
54-56 Rupert Hachiya
57-59 Ichiro Doi
60 Henry Y. Kasai
61 George Yoshimoto
62-63 Tats Misaka
64-65 Raymond Uno
66 Tobber Okada
67 Toshiyuki Kano
68 Isamu Watanuki
69-70 George Kimura
71 Ben Aoyagi
72 Yuji Okumura
73 Masao T. Satow
74 Tiel Nagata
75 Gene Sato
76 Al Kubota
77-78 Jimi Mitsunaga
79 Randy Horiuchi
80 George Nakamura
81-82 Yoshiko Uno
83-84 Sydao Nagata
85 Betty Kubota
86 Hiroshi Sakahara
87-88 Dr. Gary Nakao
89 Jefferson Itami
90 Sadao Nagata
91-94 Larry Grant
95-96 Terrell Nagata
97 Tab Uno
00 Roger Tabuti
01 Kevin Aoyagi
02
03 Don Richels

**San Benito County**
**Organized June 22, 1935**
*This chapter is the only West Coast Chapter which continued its active status, despite evacuation, through the war years.*
35-37 James Sugioka
38 George Nishita
39 James Sugioka
40 Richard Nishimoto
41-46 Henry Omoto
47 Richard Nishimoto
48 Takeichi Kadani
49 Isaac Shingu
50 Kay Kamimoto
51 George Nishita
52 Tom Shimanishi
53 Glenn Kawaki
54 Sho Nakamoto
55 Joe Shingai
56 Frank Nishita
57 John Teshima
58 Sam Shimaoka
59 Kay Yamaoka
60 Dennis Nishita
61 Sam I. Shingai
62 Tony Yamaoka
63 Herbert Teshima
64 Tsutae Kamimoto
65 Akiji Yanagisaki
66 Ryo Tomaki
67 Kenneth Teshima
68 Charles A. Boch
69 George Inokuchi
70 Ben Yamaoka
71 Charles A. Boch
72 Kay Kamimoto
73 Mas Tanaka
74 Frank Nishita
75 Gary Shingai
76 John Kariwaki
77 Kiyoshi Kawasaki
78 Edwin Shimaoka
79-80 Steve Nishita
81 Bryan Yamaoka
82 Philip Nishimoto
83 John Uemura
84 John S. Kariwaki
85 Sho Nakamoto
86 Joe Sugiura
87 Tony Boch
88 Ben Nishita
89 Wayne Shingai
90 John S. Kariwaki
91 Craig Yamaoka
92 Herb Teshima
93 Kenneth Kinoshita
94-98 Kenneth Teshima
99 Tony Boch
00-01 Ken Teshima
02 Tony Boch
03 Ken Teshima

**San Diego**
**Organized Aug. 13, 1933**
*Banako Moriyama (org.)*
33 George Obayashi
34 Frank Otsuka
35-37 George Ohashi
38 Isamu Fujita
39 George Ohashi
40 Isamu Fujita
41 Fred Katsumata
42 Frank H. Otsuka
*Reactivated Oct. 1946*
46-47 Dr. George Hara
48 Masuru Sakamoto
49-50 Dr. George Hara
51 Masumi Handa
52 Moto Asakawa
53 Paul Hoshi
54 Henri Nakamura
55 George Kakuma
56 Dr. Tad Imoto
57 Bert Tanaka
58 Moto Asakawa
59 George Mata
60 Herb Takeshita
61 Jack Matsuoka
62 Harry Kawamoto
63 Masato Asakawa
64 Joe Miyashi
65 Tom Yamaghara
66 Abe Mukai
67 Masaaki Hironaka
68 Isao Horiye
69 Tom Uda
70 Dan H. Estes
71 Isao Horiye
72 Dan H. Estes
73-75 Vernon T Yoshioka
76-85 Masaaki Hironaka
86-87 Vernon T Yoshioka
88-90 Carol Kawamoto
91-93 David Kawamoto
94-96 Karen Tani
97-99 Joseph Horiye
00-02 Carol Kawamoto
03 David Kawamoto

**San Fernando Valley**
**Organized Feb. 16, 1942**
42 Tom Imai
*Reactivated Sept. 24,1946*
46-47 Fred Muto
48-52 *Inactive*
54-55 Tom Endow
56 Gene Kano
57-58 Kay Nakagiri
59-60 Sam Uyehara
61 Katsumi Arizono
62 Tak Nakae
63 Harry Otsuki
64-65 Mabel Takumoto
66-67 John Kaneko
68 Robert Moriguchi
69-70 John Ball
71 John Nishitaka
72 Ronald Yoshida
73 Hiroshi Shimizu
74-75 Phillip Shigekuni
76 Richard K. Yamauchi
77 Richard K. Yamauchi, Nancy Gobata
78 Nancy Gobata
79-80 Roy Kawamoto
81 Tak Yamamoto
82 Takemori Yamamoto, Wally Arakawa
83 Paul Terasaki
84-85 Roy Makino
86-87 Mako Takimoto
88 Mitzi Kushida
89 Pat Kubota
90-91 Tom Doi
92-93 Arnold Miyamoto
94-96 Karl Nobuyuki
97-98 Akemi Kaylene Knight
99-03 Tak Yamamoto

**San Francisco**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized 1928**
28-29 Saburo Kido
30 Henry Takahashi
31 George Taguchi
32 Saburo Kido
33 Henry Takahashi
34 Dr. T. T. Hayashi
35 Dr. Carl Hirota
36 Dr. Kahn Uyeyama
37 Tamotsu Murayama, Mikio Fujimoto
38-39 Saburo Kido
41-41 Henry T. Uyeda
42 David Tatsuno, Henry Tani
*Reactivated May 12, 1945*
*Roy Takagi (org.)*
45 David Tatsuno
46 Yoshuki Morisaki, Dr. Takuji Hedani
47 Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Yukio Wada
48 Yukio Wada
49 Takeshiko Yoshihashi
50 Victor Abe
51 Yasuo W. Ahiko
52 Fred Y. Hoshiyama
53 Dr. Shigeru R. Horio, Koi Hori
54-55 Jerry Enomoto
56 Hatsuro Aizawa
57-58 Jack Kosaka
59 Steve Doi
60-61 John Yasumoto
62-63 Tad Ono
64-65 Eddie Moriguchi
66 Dan Nagi
67-68 Yo Hironaka
69 Wesley Do
70 Fred Abe
71-72 Geo. Yamasaki Jr.
73-74 Wesley Doi
75 Dr. Yosh Nakashima
76 Gary Nakamura
77-78 Michael Ito
79-80 Steven Terasaki
81-82 Hisashi Takiguchi
83 Greg Marutani
84-87 Cressey Nakagawa
88-89 Greg Marutani
90 Cressey H. Nakagawa
91
92-95 Dr. Lee Hata
96 Jeff Adachi, Dr. Lee Hata
97 Dr. Lee Hata
98-00 Greg Marutani
01-03 Dr. Lee Hata, John Handa

**San Gabriel Valley**
**Organized Apr. 28, 1933**
*Shizuko Shimmo (org.)*
33-34 Frank T. Tanaka
36 Dave Nitake
37 James Katayama
38-39 Masaru Kawashima
40 Shigeru Hashimoto, Henry Kawahara
41 George Imai
42 Henry Kawahara
*Reactivated Apr. 2, 1967*
67 Dave Ito
68 Frank Tanaka
69-70 David Ito
71 Deni Uejima
72 Dr. Kanji Sahara
73 Edw. Tokeshi
74 Harry Minaguchi
75 Jane Sahara
76 Kazuo Mayemura
77 Sam Imai
78 Toshiko Ito
79-81 William Yeung
82-83 Benny Taguchi
84-92 Deni Y. Uejima
94-95
96 Marvel Miyata
97-00 Deni Y. Uejima
01-03 Deni Uejima, Bruce Haines

**San Jose**
**Organized 1922***
**First organized in 1903 as the American Loyalty League, its subsequent records are missing. The name was changed to JACL in 1930 and when it was reactivated in 1943, it was merged with the Santa Clara County United Citizens League until 1954*
23 Ray Nishida
24-31 *Records Missing*
32 William Yamamoto
33-34 Harry Toshi Taketa
35 Hisaichi Nakahara
36 William Yamamoto
37 Shig Masunaga
38 Phil Matsumura
39 Wayne M. Kanemoto
40 Henry Miarai
41 Roy Ozawa
42 Shig Masunaga
*Reactivated June 3,1945*
45 Shigeru Masunaga
46 Henry Kiyomura
47 Eiichi Sakauye
48 Henry Hamasaki
49 Enos Shimizu
50 Ruth Hashimoto
51 Shigeru Masunaga
52 Akira Shimoguchi
53 Sam Tanase
54 Tom Mitsuyoshi
55-57 Phil Matsumura
58 Harry Ishigaki
59-60 Norman Minita
61 Eiichi Sakauye
62-63 Dr. Tom Taketa
64-65 Henry Uyeda
66-68 Karl Kinaga
69-70 James N. Ono
71-72 Richard K. Tanaka
73 Grant Shimizu
74-76 Michael Honda
77-78 Jan Y. Kurahara
79 Dr. Tom Taketa
80 Judy N. Ellwanger
81 Judy Nozawa
82-83 Wayne Tanda
84-85 Yosh Morimoto
86-87 Paul Kimura
88-89 Lane Kimura
90-91 Tom Shigemasa
92-93 Thomas Nishizaka
94-95 Carl Fujita
96 Carl M. Fujita, Jr., Mark Kobayashi
97 Mark Kobayashi
98-99 Jeffrey Yoshioka
00 Ken Sakamoto
01
02-03 Keven Kimura

**San Luis Obispo**
**Organized March 1921**
21-23 Ernest K. Iwasaki
24 Kohji Fukunaga
25-26
27 Ben Fujiwaki
28 Sam Oda
29
40 George Horiuchi
41-42 Karl Taku
*Reactivated Aug. 22, 1946*
46 Karl Taku
47 Joe H. Kamitsuka, Pat Nagano
48 Hito Furuwaki
49 Masaji Eto
50 Karl Taku
51 Pat Nagano
52 Kazuo Ikeda
53 Haruo Hayashi
54 Saburo Ikeda
55 George Nagano
56 Seirin Ikeda
57 Mitsuo Senkenmatsu
58 Akio Hayashi
59 Ben Dobi
60 Ken Kitanaka
61 Skip T. Seto
62 David Tsukamoto
63 Ken Kubara
64 Shota Saruwatari
65 Hito Furuwaki
66-67 Ben Furuwaki
68 Shig Kawaguchi
69 Geo. K. Hamamura
70 Robert Fukuhara
71 Robert Takahashi
72 Haruo Hayashi
73 Roy Obayashi
74-75 Geo. Hamathiya
76 Ben Dobi
77 Saburo Ikeda
78 Alan Eto
79 Robert C. Takahashi
80-81 Masaji Eto
82-83 Kazuo Ikeda
84-85 Haruo Hayashi
86 Haruo Hayashi
87 Roy Obayashi
88-89 Ben Dobi
90 Haruo Hayashi
91 Kazuo Ikeda
92-96 Leslie Furukawa
97-03 Stanley Ikeda

**San Mateo County**
**(ochi)**
35-36 Saiki Masuno
37 Frank Kawai
38 Joe Yamada
39 Himatsuo Inouye
40 Dr. Geo. Takahashi
41 Fred Ochi
42 Dr. Geo. Takahashi
*Reactivated Oct. 22, 1946*
46 Karl Taku
47 Joe H. Kamitsuka, Pat Nagano
48 Howard Imada
49 Hiroji Kariya
50 Kaz Kunitani
51 Dick Arizumi
52 Robert Sugishita
53 Andrew Yoshiwara
54 Howard Imada
55 William Takahashi
56-57 Saiki Yamaguchi
58 Tom Marutani
59-60 Haruo Ishimaru
61 Kiyoshi Ota
62 Wilson Makabe
63 Jake K. Oiwa
64 Haruo Ishimaru
65 Irene Ikeda
66-67 Hy Tsukamoto
68-69 Dr. Minji Wakano
70-71 Tom Hisaka
72 Eugene Marguchi
73-74 Tom Kimmo
75-76 Yosh Kagimoto
77 Yasuko Ito
78 Suzie Kunitani
79 Terrence Ter-

80-81 Sam Kunitani
82 Richard Nakanishi
83 Dr. David Hayashi
84 Hiroyuki Arima
85-86 Noell Kubota
87 Hiro Arima
88 Nancy Takahashi
89 Niles Tanakatsubo
90 Dr. Hiroyuki Arima
91-92 Steven T. Okamoto
93 George Baba
94 Karyl Matsumoto
95
96 Aileen Sakamoto
97-98 Craig Ichiuji, Ted Yanagishi
99-00 Noell Kubota
01 George Baba
02-03 Jeff Okamoto

**Sanger-Del Rey**
**Organized March 17, 1950**
50-51 Robert Kanagawa
52 Tom Nakamura
53 Tom Nagamatsu
54 George Nishimura
55 Johnson Kebo
56 Johnson Shimizu
57 Kiichi Tange
58 Larry Hikiji
59 Peter Hasegawa
60 Benny Matsunaga
61 Kelly Ishimoto
62 Masami Arita
63 Hugo Ogawa
64 Kazuo Komoto
65 Robert Kanagawa
66 Tom Nakamura
67 George Nishimura
68 Tom H. Nagamatsu
69 Kiichi Tange
70 Larry Hikiji
71-72 Peter Hasegawa
73 Masami Arita
74 Hugo Ogawa
75-76 Kazuo Komoto
77 Tom Nakamura
78 Tom Moriyama
79-80 Larry Tange
81 Tom Moriyama
82 Harry Adachi
83 Yo Katayama
84-85 Dallas Kanagawa
86 Tom Moriyama
87-88 Lloyd Kurihara
89 Kiichi Tange
90 Dallas Kanagawa
91
92-96 Kiichi Tange
97 Lloyd Kurihara
98-01 Ralph Kumano
02
03 Ralph Kumano

**Santa Barbara**
**Organized January 1930**
30 Taki Asakura
31 Coro Asakura
33 Daniel Utsunomiya
35 James Ezaki
36-37
38-39 James Ezaki
40-42 Tom Hirashima
*Reactivated Sept. 1946*
46 Tom Hirashima
47 Ken Dyo
48-50 Ted Kanetomo
51 Lillian Nakaji
52 Ray Kakimoto
53 Akira Endo
54 Lillian Nakaji, Tom Hirashima, Ray Kakimoto, John Suzuki
55-56 Tom Hirashima
57 Richard Tokumaru
58-59 Mike Hide
60 Jerry Kawano
61-62 Tom Hirashima
63-64 George Obachi
65-66 Richard Tokumaru
67 Mike Hide
68-73 George Obachi
74-03 Mike Hide

**Santa Maria Valley**
**Organized April 3, 1932**
32-33 Ken Utsunomiya
34 Dr. Earl M. Yusa
35 Ken Kitasako
36-37 Robert Hiramatsu
38 Ken Utsunomiya
39 Butch Y. Tamura
40-42 Harry Miyake
*Reactivated August 1946*
47-48 Harold Shimizu
49-56 Harry Miyake
57-58 George Sahara
59 Toru Miyoshi
60-62 Jun Miyoshi
64-65 Paul Kurokawa
67-68 John Kawachi
69 Dr. Ken Oye
70 Keiko Shimizu
71-73 Peter Uyehara
74-76 Ellen Kishiyama
77 Pete Uyehara
78 Jack K. Morishima
79 Tom Fujioka
80-96 Jack Morishima
97-03 Kaz Oye

**Sawtooth**
**Organized April 26, 2002**
02-03 Sandra Boeholer

**Seabrook**
**Organized June 18, 1946**
47 Vernon Ichisaka
48 Ray Bano
49 Vernon Ichisaka
50-51 George Sakamoto
52 Jim Mitsui
53 John Fuyuume
54 Harry Okamoto
55 Henry Furushima
56 George Noda
57 Jane Ikeda
58 Vernon Ichisaka
59 Kaiga Inouye
60 James Yamasaki
61 Bob Fuyuume
62 Kiyomi Nakamura
63 Dr. Paul Morita
64 Charles Nagao
65 Henry F. Kato
66-67 Masaichi Oka
68-69 Ted Oye
70-71 John Nakamura
72-73 Ellen Nakamura
74-76 Sunako Oye
77 Mary C. Nagao
78 Ray Ono
79 Terry O'Neill
80-81 Peggy Fukawa
82-83 C. Scott Nagao
84-85 Gregory D. Ono
86 Gregory Ono
87 Missy Miller
88 Gregory Ono
89 Ellen A. Nakamura
90 Gregory Ono
93 Gary D. Ono
96-97 Missy Miller
98
99
00 Esther Ono
01
02
03 Esther Ono

**Seattle**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized Sept. 17, 1921 as Progressive Civic League**
21-22 Shigeru Osawa
25 *Inactive*
26 Shigeru Osawa
27 *Inactive*
28-30 Clarence T. Arai
31 James Y. Sakamoto
32-33 George Ishihara
34-35 Takeo Nogaki
36-37 Clarence T. Arai
38 Saburo Nishimura
39-40 Takeo Nogaki, Ichiro Nagatani, Arthur Koura
41 Toshio Hoshide, Kenji Ito, Muts Hashiguchi (Bellevue)
42 Clarence T. Arai
*Reactivated Aug 5, 1947*
*Joe Hirabayashi, chrmn.*
48 Toru Sakahara, Mrs. Shigeko Uno, Kengo Nogaki
49 Mas Kaneko
50-51 Harry I. Takagi
52 Kenji Okuda
53 Dr. Kelly K. Yamada
54 Geo. S. Kashiwagi
55 Howard Sakura
56 James Matsuoka
57 Toru Sakahara
58-59 Takeshi Kubota
60 Minoru Tsubota
61 Philip Hayasaka
62 William Mimbu
63 John Aoki
64-65 Dr. Terrence Toda
66 George Iwasaki
67 Thomas S. Iwata
68 George Fugami
69 Jim Aoki
70 Don Kazama
71 Dr. Minoru Masuda
72 Tomio Moriguchi
73 Ben Nakagawa
74 Sam Shoji
75-76 Lindbergh Sato, John Matsumoto
77 Cherry Kinoshita
78 Ted Taniguchi
79 Mitch Matsudaira
80 Chuck Kato
81 Lloyd Hara
82 Kathryn Bannai
83 Mako Nakagawa
84 Jerry Shigaki
85 David Okimoto
86 Robert Sato
87 May Sasaki
88 Roger H. Shimizu
89 Naomi Iwata Sanchez
90 Vickie Toyohara-Mukai
91 Gail Tanaka
92 Tim Gojio
92-93 Joy St. Germaine
93 Kip Tokuda
94 Ray Ishii
95 Calvin Takagi
96 Elaine Akagi
97 Jeffrey Hattori
98 Janice Yee
99 David Yamaguchi
00 Sharon Sobie-Seymour
01 Akemi Matsumoto
02 Arlene Oki
03 Tatsuo Nakata

**SELANOCO**
**(Southeast L.A., North Orange County)**
**Organized April 23, 1966**
66-67 Henry Yamaga
68-69 Dr. James Toda
70 Don Watanabe
71 Richard Karasawa
72-73 Rose Sakata
74 Hiroshi Kamei
75-76 Clarence Nishizu
77 Hiroshi Kamei
78 Ken Takahashi
79 Jim Seippel
80 Hiroshi Kamei
81 Eugene Takamine
82 Ted Shimizu
83-84 Ken Inouye
85-86 Frank Kawase
87-88 Frances Hachiya
89-90 Ruth Mizobe
91 Kenneth Inouye
92-95 Edwin Shiba
96 Denise Kim
97-98 Ken Inouye
99-00 Karen Liane Shiba
01 Hiromi Ueha
02-03 Todd Hasegawa

**Selma**
**Organized March 17, 1950**
50-52 George Abe
53 Masato Morishima
54-55 George Okazaki
56 George Baba
57 George Abe
58 Dale Okazaki
59 Alan Masumoto
60 Mas Kawano
61 Dale Kawano
62 Elmer Kobashi
63 George Tokunaga
64 Sus Kimoto
65 Alan A. Masumoto
66 Jim Kataoka
67 Beth Shimamoto
68 George Abe
69 George Baba
70 Alan Masumoto
71 Sus Kimoto
72 Tak Tsutsui
73-74 Elmer Kobashi
75 Jim Kataoka
76 Kerry Yamamoto
77 Akira Iwamura
78 Mas Kawano
79 Tom Kataoka
80 Shig Nagao
81 Kiyo Yamamoto
82 George Abe
83 Tom Kawano
84-85 Shin Mukai
86-87 Mits Shiroyama
88 Elmer Kobashi
89 Takashi Misaki
90 Shinichi Mukai
91 Tak Misaki
92 Ted Araki
93 Ted Araki
94-95 Sho Nakashima
96-98 Elmer Kobashi
99-00 Tak Tsutsui
01-04 Sidney Mukai

**Sequoia, Inc.**
**Organized May 18, 1952**
52 Harry Higaki
53 Shozo Mayeda
54 John Enomoto
55 Hiroji Kariya
56-57 Peter Nakahara
58 Tom Yamane
59 Sat Yamada
60 John Enomoto
61 Sakaye Okamura
62 Jay Shinagawa
63 Dave Nakamura
64 Albert Nakai
65 Fujio Kawano
66 Hiroshi Yamamoto
67-68 Kiyo Nishiura
69 Ronald Enomoto
70 Dr. Ken Kato
71 Kruz Morota
72 Charles Kubokawa
73-74 Dave M. Yoshida
75-76 David S. Oku
77-78 Amy Doi
79-80 Bud Y. Nakano
81 Richard Katsuda
82 Marjie Ineke
83-84 Albert Nakai
85 Tats Hori
86-87 Neil Morimoto
88 Joan Kitaji
89 Aki Yamamoto
90 Albert Nakai
91
92 Aki Yamamoto
93-02 Michael Kaku
03 LaDonna Yumori-Kaku

**Snake River Valley**
**Organized Feb. 26, 1944**
44-45 Joe Komoto
46-47 Joe Saito
48 James M. Watanabe
49-50 Tom T. Itami
51 George Sugai
52 Smith Morimoto
53-54 Tom Ogura
54-55 Paul Saito
55 George Iseri
56 Dr. Kenji Yaguchi
57-58 Gish Amano
58-59 George Mita
59 George Nishimura
60 Abe Saito
61 Yosh Sakahara
62 Ike Wakasugi
63 Richard Ogura
64 Mamaru Wakasugi
65 Bob Uriu
66 George Iwasa
67 Jack H. Ogami
68 Barton Sasaki
69 Clifford Morikawa
70 Sam Mori
71 Tom Uriu
72 Sammy Watanabe
73-74 Vernon C. Nakada
75 John Takasugi
76 Kerry Iseri
77 Ken Teramura
78 David Mizuta
79 Reid Saito
80 Ross Nishihara
81 Pat Takasugi
82-83 Russell Murata
84-85 Rae Pressley
86-89 Randy Harano
90-93 Cathy Yasuda
94-01 Ted Takatori
02-03 Mike Iseri, Janet Komoto

**Solano County**
**Organized in 1978**
78-79 Yosh Shitamishi
79 Gary Kanai
80 Ross Nishihara
81-82 Lee Hanada
83 Nicholas Kasling
84-85 Nellie Tanaka
86-87 Gene Urabe
88 John Sakanaga
89 William Seiji
90 Nellie Tanaka
91
92
93 Ted Arasaki
94-95
96-97 Gene Urabe
98
99
00 John Sakanaga
01
02
03 Nellie Tanaka

**Sonoma County**
**Organized Aug. 4, 1934**
34-35 Masao Hasegawa
36-38 Dr. George Hiura
40 Dr. Bill Hiura
41-42 Henry Shimizu
*Reactivated Aug. 4, 1948*
48-49 James T. Miyano
50 George Kawaoka
51 Chick Furuta
52 Minoru Matsuda
53 Arthur Sugiyama
54 Ryuo Uyeda
55 Kanemi Ono
56 Edwin Ohki
57 Sam Miyano
58 Frank Oda
59 Edwin Ohki
60 Martin H. Shimizu
61 Dr. Roy Okamoto
62 James J. Murakami
63 George Hamamoto
64 James Miyano
65 Dr. Roy Okamoto
66 Frank Oda
67 Edwin Ohki
68 Martin Shimizu
69 Dr. Roy Okamoto
70 George Hamamoto
71-72 Fred Yokoyama
73 Frank Oda
74 George Okamoto
75 Fred Yokoyama, Raymond Okazaki
76 Ed Nomura
77 Hisashi Kobayashi
78 Martin Shimizu
79-80 Mark Hayashi
81 Marguerite Murakami
82 Lucy Kishaba, Marguerite Murakami
83-84 James J. Murakami
85-86 Terry Maeki
87 Dan Ito
88 Bruce Shimizu
89 Carol Kawase
90 James F. Murakami
91-93 Carol Kawase
94-96 Margaret Wallman
97-99 Carol Kawase
00 Ken Ishizu
01 Carol Kawase
02 Ken Ishizu
03 Jason Higashi

**South Bay**
**Organized Feb. 1975**
73-76 Mas Miyashita
77 Amy Kawaguchi
78 Eric Wada
79-80 Edwin Mitoma
82 Mary Ogawa
83-84 Wendell Wong
85 Ted Hasegawa
86 George Ogawa
87-88 Midori Watanabe Kamei
89 George Ogawa
90 Wendell Wong
91 Midori Watanabe Kamei
92-93 Edwin Y. Mitoma
94-95
96 Midori Watanabe Kamei
97-98 Christine Ige, Christine Sato
99-01 Al Muratsuchi
02 Diane Tanaka, Michiko Dawson
03 Al Muratsuchi

**Southeast**
**(Atlanta, Ga.)**
93 Bill Sakamoto White
94
95 Mike Furukawa
98 Linda Mauro
99
00 Roger Ozaki
01
02
03 Sam Wakasugi

**SCAN (odu) (So. Calif. Assn. of Nikkei)**
86
87 Galen Murakawa
88 Arthur K. Okawachi
89 Nao Takahashi
91 Gail Uyehara
92 Galen Murakawa
93 Linda Hara, Galen Murakawa
*Merged with Marina chapter in 1994*

**Spokane**
**Organized in 1940**
40-41 Spady Koyama
42 Joe Okamoto
43 Saburo Nishimura
44-45 Ed Yamamoto
46 George Numata
47 Joe Okamoto
48 Ed Tsutakawa
49 Blanche M. Shiosaki
50 Sab Hisayasu
51 Ed Yamamoto
52 Shingo Hirata
53-57 Harry Kadoya
58-61 *No officers*
62 Ed Tsutakawa
63-64 Frank Hisayasu
65 Mason M. Fukai
66 Frank Hisayasu
67 Sam Nakagawa
68-69 Dr. Jan Watanabe
70 Sumio Matsumoto
71-72 Yone Ota
73 Denny Yasuhara
74 Mamo Akiyama
75-76 Ed Takahashi
77-78 Dean Nakagawa
79
80 Denny Yasuhara
81 Susan L. Iwata
82-83 Sam Nakagawa
84 Dean Nakagawa
85 Rita Cates
86 Sharon Saito
87-88 Ben Furukawa
89 Sharon Saito
90 Dean Nakagawa
91
92
93 Douglas Heyamoto
94-95
96-97 Virginia Omoto
98
99-00 Dean Nakagawa
01-03 Marjorie Davis

**Stockton**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized in 1933**
29-32 *No records*
33-34 Dr. Roy S. Morimoto
36 James Okino
37 Stewart Nakano
38 Dr. Roy S. Morimoto
39 Ted Mirikitani
40 Dr. Charles Ishizu
41 Al Kawasaki
42 Stewart Nakano
*Reactivated Sept. 22, 1946*
46-47 Joe Omachi
48 Jun Agari
49-50 Jack Matsumoto
51 Yoshimi Terashita
52 Hiroshi Morita

# The 'Historic' Chapters

Here is the roster of presidents of chapters which no longer exist. The leadership, in most instances, hails from communities on the West Coast in the 1930s and up to the eve of Evacuation in March 1942. Some of the JACL chapters thrived elsewhere well after the end of World War II. Then there are scattered signs of young chapters which were active for only a short time.

**Ann Arbor (Mich.)**
**Organized June 9, 1946**
46 Dr. Joseph Sasaki

**Bakersfield (Calif.)**
**Organized Feb. 8, 1959**
59 Lloyd Komatsuka
60 Dr. Warren Itokazu
61 Joe Ono
62 Guy Morotani
63-64 Joe Ono
65 Mike Tori
66 Lloyd Komatsuka
67 Guy Morotani

**Bay Area Community**
**(Alameda County, Calif.)**
**Organized January 1971**
71 Raymond Okamura
72 Ron Lai, Edison Uno
73 Phil Dara, Ko Ichiji, Ron Lai, Kathy Reyes, Pat Sumi, Paul Yoshino
74 Dale Minami, Mary A. Takagi, K. Yoneda, Isami Waugh
75 Robin L. Matsuo
76-77 Phil Y. Dara

**Bay District**
**(Venice, Calif.)**
**Organized March 7, 1936**
36 Frank Mizusawa
37-38 George Inagaki
39 Philip Nakaoka
40 Joe G. Masaoka
41 *Decentralized to Santa Monica, Venice and West Los Angeles chapters*

**Ben Lomond**
**(Ogden JACL 1928-32)**
**Organized 1938**
40 Jiro Tamaki
41 George Yoshida
42 Tatsuo Koga
43 Jiro Tsukamoto
44-45 Toyse Kato
46 Dr. Mike M. Horii
47 Tsutomu S. Ochi
48-50 Ken Uchida
51 George Sugihara
52-57 Toyse Kato
58 Harold S. Tama
59-62 Ken Uchida
63 Yutaka Harada
64 Mits Koga
65 Dick Kishimoto
66-67 Toy Miya
68 Minoru Miya

**Brawley (Calif.)**
**Pioneer Chapter**
**Organized Dec. 13, 1928**
28-29 Lyle Kurisaki
30 James W. Ito
31 Charles M. Akita
32 William Kawasaki
33 Ernest Fujimoto
34-36 *(Records missing)*
37 Lyle Kurisaki
38 Harvey Suzuki
39 George Kubo
40 Ernest Fujimoto
41 Hatsuo Morita
42 Shigeo Imamura

**Chicago Liberation**
**Organized March 23, 1970**
70 Hiroshi Kanno
71 William Hohri

**Coachella Valley**
**Organized Oct. 4, 1946**
46-47 Henry Sakemi
48-49 Tom Sakai
50 George Shibata
51 Jack Ito
52 Mas Oshiki
53 Elmer Suski
54 Tak Nishimoto
55 Charles Shibata
56 Ben Sakamoto
57 Hideo Nishimoto
58-60 Tom Sakai
61 Tom Kitahara
62-63 Tom Sakai
64-65 Toru Kitahara
66-70 Inactive
71-74 Elmer Suski
75-77 Charles Shibata
78-79 Cherry Ishimatsu
80-81 Tamako Ito
82-83 Alice Sakai
84-85 Paul Kaneko
86-87 Harry Arita
88 Norman Seto, OD
89 Pat Sakamoto
90 Alice Sakai
91 Pat Sakamoto
92-95 William Shibata

**Columbia Basin**
**Organized Dec. 14, 1954**
55-56 Bill Utsunomiya
*Reactivated March 1962*
68 Charles Kataoka
69-71 George Fukuhai
72-73 Ed Yamamoto
74-75 Robert Schaden
76 Kimi Fukuhai
77 Margaret Schaden
78 Grace K. Yamamoto
79 George Fukuhai
80 Dr. Richard Doi
81 Ed Yamamoto
82-83 Robert Schaden
84-85 Edwin M. Yamamoto
86-89 Grace Yamamoto
89-90 Edward M. Yamamoto

**Davis County (Utah)**
**(odu)**
42 Takeo Nakano
43 Ted Miya
44 George Akasaka
45 Yuri Kusaka
46 George Fujiki
47 *Merged with Ogden*

**Delta**
**(Walnut Grove, Calif.)**
**Organized Feb. 26, 1935**
35-36 Dr. Akio Hayashi
37-40 Harry Shironaka
41 Harry Y. Ingawa
42 Jeff Yagi

**Eastbay**
**(Berkeley-Oakland, Calif.)**
**Organized May 1947**
47 Tad Hirota
48 Masaji Fujii
49 Tad Hirota
50-51 Wataru Miura
51 Masatatsu Yonemura
52 Tad Masaoka
53 *Decentralized to Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond-El Cerrito (now Contra Costa)*

**El Centro (Calif.)**
**Organized August 1927**
27-37 *No Officers*
*Reactivated 1937*
38 Yutaka Nakashima
39-40 Shinji H. Miyata
41-42 Harvey Tanaka

**El Paso (Tex.) (odu)**
50 William Ando

**Glendale (Calif.)**
**Organized March 27, 1936**
36 Kiyo Kuramoto

**Greeley (Colo.)**
**Organized June 24, 1944**
44 Fred Hashimoto
45 Hiroto Uno

**Hilo**
60 Wayne Miyamoto

**Kern County**
**(Bakersfield, Calif.)**
**Organized May 6, 1936**
36 Everett Iwanaga
37 Harry Tatsuno

**Kingsburg (Calif.)**
**Organized 1952**
52-57 Mako Ando

**Kings County**
**(Hanford, Calif.)**
**Organized 1939**
39 Kiyoshi Nakamoto
41-42 Tom Fujita

**Latin America**
**(Los Angeles)**
**Organized 1982**
82 Elena Yoshimura
83 Luis Kobashi MD
84 Luis Higa
85 Luis Yamakawa
86-87 Luis Yamakawa
88-89 Consuelo Morinaga
90 Luis Higa
91-92 Larry Tokuyama
93-95 Consuelo Morinaga

**Lompoc, Calif.**
41-42 Takeshi Kanemitsu

**Magic Valley**
**(Twin Falls, Idaho)**
**Organized April 3, 1943**
George Makabe (org.)
43 Shigeo Morita
44 Tsutomu Abe
45 Yoshimi Azawa

**Metropolitan L.A.**
**Organized March 18, 1973**
73-74 Ellen Endo
75-76 Ellen K. Kayano
77-78 Gail Maeda
79-80 Ellen Kayano

**Montana (Hardin, Mont.)**
**Organized April 10, 1942**
42-48
49-51 Tom Koyama
52 George Kawamoto
53 Yasuo Nayematsu
54 Joe Nagashima
55 Sam Shirasago
56 Yugo Nayematsu
57 Jim Shirasago
58-59 Harriet Nagashima

**Mountain View (odu)**
40 Henry Kiyomura
42 Henry Mitarai
45 Masago Shibuya

**Nikkei Leadership**
89 Kimberly Tachiki
90, 91, 93, 95

**North Platte (Neb.)**
**Organized 1942**
42-45 George Kuroki

**Northern Utah**
**(Ogden, Utah)**
**Organized 1942**
42 Nobuichi Sato
*Reactivated 1960*
60 Harold S. Tama

**Northern Wyoming (odu)**
**(Worland, Wyo.)**
41 Tom Nagashima
42 Tom Ujifusa
45 Yasuo Nayematsu
46-48 No Officers
*Reactivated April 1, 1948*
49 Dr. Minol Ota
50-51 Jack Ando
52 Kay Nakamura
53 Tom Ujifusa
54 Haruki Shimogaki
55 George Ujifusa
56 Harry Ujifusa

**Oakland**
**Organized June 7, 1934**
34 Dr. Chitose Yanaga
35-37 Randolph Sakada
38 Kay Hirao
39 Kelly K. Yamada
40 *Frank Tsukamoto, Tad Hirota*
41-42 Kay Hirao
*Reactivated Aug. 10, 1946, as Eastbay JACL*
53 Takeo Tachiki
55 Annie Akahoshi
55 Paul Nomura
56 James Tsurumoto
57 Ace Fujii
58 Molly Kitajima
59 Marie Sato
60 Ken Matsumoto
61 Ray R. Endo
62-63 Ted T. Mayeda
64 Tony Yokomizo
65 Dr. Itsuya Kurita
66 Shurei Tanaka
67-68 Yukio Kawamura
69 Paul Yamamoto
70 Mary A. Takagi
71 James Ishimaru
72-73 Steve Hirabayashi
74 Jim Uchida
75-76 Ray Nagai
77 Ray Endo
78 Ray Doda
79-80 Doug Shirachi
81-83 Sam Okamoto
84-85 Motomi Yokomizo
86-90 Tracy Motomi Yokomizo
93 *Deactivated*

**Pacifica-Long Beach**
**Organized Oct. 12, 1938, as Long Beach JACL**
38-41 Frank T. Ishii
42 James Hashimoto
*Reactivated Aug. 12, 1947, as Long Beach Harbor District JACL*
47 Dr. Masao Takeshita
48 Fred H. Ikeguchi
49 John Moraoka
50 Fred H. Ikeguchi
51 George Mio
52 Mas Narita
53 George Nakamura
54 Fred Ikeguchi
55-56 Easy Fujimoto
57 Tomio Joe
58 Dr. David M. Miura
59-60 John Kashiwabara
61 Arthur Noda
62 Frank Sugiyama
63-64 Susumu C. Iwasaki
64 Richard Hikida
65 Fred Miyake
66 Charles Yata
67 Frank Hayashi
68 Dianne Shimizu
69-70 Charles Yata
71 Marian Nagano
72 Carolyn Saka
73-76 No Officers
77-81 Lloyd Inui
*Renamed Pacifica-Long Beach JACL*
82 Duane Ebata
83 Christine Iwanaga
84 Colleen Konishi
85 Kathy Tokudomi
86 Ken Takeda
87 George Ono
88 Craig Takiyama
89 Takashi Fujii, Jay Shaheen
90 Colleen Konishi
91 Alan Kita
92 Alan Nishio

**Pan Asian**
**(Los Angeles)**
**Organized 1976**
76 Kathryn Yoshiwa
77 Glenn Nakatani
78 Kathryn Yoshiwa
79 Kathy Chono
80-82 Kiyo Fukumoto
83 Yoneo Yamamoto
84 Sandy Kawasaki
85 Les Koyanagi
86-89 Tammy Chung
90 Yoneo Yamamoto

**Pueblo Colo. (odu)**
45 Hideo Sagara

**Rexburg (Idaho)**
**Yellowstone JACL 1941-59**
41 Fuji Hikida
42 Kiyoshi Sakota
43 Michio Yamagata
44 Kiyoshi Sakota
45 Steve Hanami
46 Haruo Yamasaki
47 Thomas M. Hanami
48-49 Hiroshi Miyasaki
50 Kiyoshi Sakota
51 Jack K. Matsuura
52 Haruo Yamasaki
53 Masayoshi Fujimoto
54 Haruo Yamasaki
55 Kiyoshi Sakota
56 Fuji Hikida
57 John Sakota
58 Tommy Miyasaki
59 Haruo Yamasaki
60-61 Kazuo Hikida
62 Kiyoshi Sakota
63 Fuji Hikida, Haruo Yamasaki
64 Kazuo Hikida
65 Hiroshi Miyasaki
66 Kazuo Sakota
67 Hit Miyasaki
68 Kazuo Sakota
69-70 Tom Miyasaki

**Rio Grande Valley**
**Organized Jan. 29, 1948**
48-52 Henry Kawahata

**San Luis Valley**
**(Colorado)**
**Organized Jan. 27, 1949**
49 Roy Y. Inouye
50 Francis Wakasugi
51 Ree Y. Inouye
52 Sejiro Yoritomo
53 Ree Y. Inouye
54 Frank Uyemura
55 Shirow Enomoto
56 George Hishinuma
57 Roy Fujii
58 Charles Hayashida
59 George Katsumoto
60 Fred Hayashida
61 James Kusagi
62 Harry Sumida
63 Nobe Ashida
64 Kay Shiohita
65 Den Ono
66 Morris Tanaka
67 Mrs. Roy Inouye
68 Clarence Yoshida
69-70 Roy Inouye
71-72 Stan Woodyard
74 Takako Clark
75 Roger Wakasugi
76 Gus Guzman
77-78 Shirow Enomoto
80-82 Bessie Konishi

**San Pedro (Calif.)**
**Organized April 3, 1936**
36 George Fukuzaki
37 Katsumi Yoshimura
38 Dr. Yoshio Nakaji
39 Hisashi Hanamura
41 Masako Ishii
42 Kiyoshi Higashi

**Santa Clara County**
**(San Jose, Calif.)**
**Organized April 5, 1936**
32 Toshi Takata
34 Toshi Takata
37 Shigeru Masunaga
39 Shigeru Masunaga
40-41 Henry Mitarai
42 Shigeru Masunaga

**Santa Monica (Calif.)**
**Organized 1941**
41-42 Henry Fukuhara

**Southeast Cultural**
**(Los Angeles)**
**Organized in 1980**
81-83 Ernie Fukumoto

**Tacoma**
**Organized 1934**
34 Ted Nakamura
35-36 *Inactive*
37 Ted Nakamura
38 Kaz Yamane
39 Ted Nakamura
40 Kaz Yamane
41 Tsuyoshi Nakamura
42 Takeo Yoshihara

**Yakima Valley**
**(Wapato, Wash.)**
**Organized 1932**
32 Johnson Shimizu
33-34 Roy Nishimura
35 Harry Masto
36-39 Roy Nishimura
40 Harry Y. Honda
41 Harry Masto
42 Jesse Nishi

**Yo-Solano**
**(Suisun, Calif.)**
**Organized 1935**
35-36 Allen Aoyagi
37 Mary Ohata
39 George Ishimoto
40-42 Henry Aoyagi

# 'Area Committees'

JACL established "area committees" in the War Relocation Centers and the immediate post-WWII-era in pockets of Japanese American communities in the Mountain-Plains to assist in the campaign for Issei naturalization and evacuation claims. (An "area committee" consisted of less than 25 members, the minimum necessary to establish a JACL chapter.)

At least four were organized in the WRA centers. [The Northern California chapter—San Benito County JACL, and the only one from the West Coast evacuated area—continued to remain active during the war years by remitting its chapter dues to headquarters. Most of its members then met at Poston WRA Center.]

**1942-45**
BUTTE, Ariz.—Nobu Kawai
MINIDOKA, Idaho—Jimmie Sakamoto, Milton Maeda
TOPAZ, Utah—John Yoshino, Henry Tani
TULE LAKE—Walter Tsukamoto, John Tanikawa.

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**1947-48**
CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Frank Ikuno
CROWLEY, Colo.—Kats Akagi
GALLUP, N.M.—Aus Shibata
HOUSTON, Texas—Tokuye Kobayashi, Warren Saibara
LA JARA-ALAMOSA, Colo.—Roy Inouye
PUEBLO, Colo.—Susan Shigeta
ROCKY FORD, Colo.—Ugi Harada, George Yoshimoya
SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Goro Matsuoka
WEST TEXAS / EL PASO—George Kurita

53 Sam Inyo
54 George Baba
55 Henry Kamura
56 Richard Yoshikawa
57 Lou Tomokawa
58 Dr. David Fujichigo
59 George Baba
60 Ted Kamiyoshi
61 Ed Yoshikawa
62 Dr. Ken Fujii
63 Bill Shima
64-65 Kengo Tenshiba
66 Sam Inyo
67 George Y. Matsumoto
68 Gary Hago
69-70 Teagie Roberts
71 Dr. James M. Tanaka
72-74 Ted Yoosda
75-76 Maled Okubo
77-79 George K. Baba
80-81 Ruby T. Dohama
82-84 Tetsuya Kato
85-86 Edwin Enslow
87-88 Tau Hashing
89-00 George Baba
91-93 Barry Saiki
94 Edwin Enslow
95 Paul Nakase
96-97 Aeko Yoshikawa Fenelon
98-99 John Fujii
00-03 Nelson Nagai

**Torrance**
**Organized in 1963**
83-84 George S. Nakano
85-86 Catherine Higashioka
87 Tosh Dajiri
88 Roy Nakano
89 George Tanaka
90 Ray S. Nakano
91-93 George Tanaka
94-95
96 Ray S. Nakano
97-03 Stephanie Nakano

**Tri-Valley**
**Organized 1977**
77 Sam Cohen
78-79 Bon Marimoto
80 Dr. Jerry Watanabe
81 Eric Tsugawa
82 Tom Mori
83 Henry Kitajima
84 John Ichiki
85 Eric Tsugawa
86 Chuck Dozuki
87 Don Kitajima
88 Keith Yoshizuka
89 Ken Kurata, Mark Shiki
90-92
93 Steve Lai
94, 95
96 Alice Morioka, Howard Morioka
97 Dean Kashiwa
98
99
00 Mike Doughty
01
02
03 Rodney Suzuki

**Tulare County**
**Organized Nov. 15, 1934**
34-36 Harvey Iwata
37 Ben Yakumo
38 John Kodeta
39 Chuge Kaku
40-42 Tom Shimanaka
*Reactivated Nov. 22, 1947*
47-49 Tom Shimanaki
50 Hiroshi Mayeda
51 Kenji Tashiro
52 Edward Nagata
53-54 Tad Hiramoto
55 Yoshi Tashiro
56 Mike Inoue
57-58 Jun E. Murakami
59 Douglas Yamada
60 Robert Ishida
61 Jun Hatabeda
62 Stanley Nagata
63 George Sakaguchi
64 Bill Yohino
65 Harry Momiji
66 Tak Ishizue
67 Shigeru Kitaoki
68 Harry Kako
69-70 Ichiro Okada
71-72 Jim Uota
73-74 Harry Nii
75-76 Kay Hada
77-78 Ben Hayakawa
79-82 Masao Ishida
83-84 Kay Hada
85-86 Wm. E. Yoshimoto
86 Kay Hada
87-00 Larry Ishimoto
00 William E. Yoshimoto
01-02
03 Kathy Kawachi
04-05
06-07 Kathy Ishimoto
08-03 Larry Ishimoto

**Twin Cities**
**(Minn.-St. Paul, Minn.)**
**Organized Sept. 20, 1946**
46 George Matsuyama
47 Sam Shige
48 John Mateus
49 Tamo Kamibayashi, George Yanagita
50 Takumi Tsuchiya
51 Yukio Okamoto
52 Mas Teramoto
53-55 Dr. Isaac Igima
56 Thomas Kanno
57 Henry Makino
58 Tom Ohno
59 Mas Teramoto, Sanpey Kuramoto
60 Yukio Yamaguchi
61 Ted Matsuyama
62 Kay Kushino
63-65 Paul Tsuchiya
66 Bill Ura
67 Dr. Roy Yamahiro
68 Kay Kushino
69 Howard Nomura
70 Miyoko Matsui
71 Frank Ishikawa
72 Sam Hosoda
73-74 May H. Tanaka
75-76 Jack Takemoto
77 Sam Handa
78 May Tanaka
79 Toshio Abe
80-82 Thomas L. Hara
83-84 Edward Hara
85 Chris K. Sandberg
86 Matt Abe
87 Christopher Sandberg
88 Kay Kushino, Jay Yamashiro
89 Christopher Sandberg
90 Edward Hara
91-92 Mark Handa
93 David Hayashi
94-96 Joanne Kumagai
97-00 Ben Ezaki III
01-03 Cheryl Hirata-Dukes

**Venice-Culver**
**Organized in 1941**
41-42 John Amo
*Reactivated July 28, 1946*
46-47 Jack Wakamatsu
48-49 George Mikawa
50 Fumi Uyeda
51 Kenichi Onishi
52 James Yasuda
53 James Fukuhara, Kiyo Nishi Tanaka
54 Ken Amamoto
55 George T. Isoda
56 Dr. Takao Shoshino
57 Steve Nakaji
58 Pete Furuya
59 Betty Yamori
60 Kaz Adachi
61 Jayne Yamashita
62 George Inagaki
63 Jack S. Nomura
64 Hitashi M. Shimizu
65 George T. Isoda
66 Dr. Richard Saiki
67 Gram Noriyuki
68 Shiro Maruyama
69 Sam Shimaguchi
70 Frances Kitagawa
71-72 Betty Yamori
73-74 John Asazi
75 Jane Yamashita, Frances Kitagawa
76 Fred Hoshiyama
77-78 Caroline Takemoto
79-80 Akemi Nagao
81 Fred Y. Hoshiyama
82-83 Richard Saiki
84 Akemi N. Wood
85-87 Gregory S. Wood
88 Akemi Nagao Wood
89 Fred Y. Hoshiyama
90
91-92 Sam Shimaguchi
93 Dr. Harold Harada
94-95
96-97 Sam Shimaguchi, Takao Shishino
98 Chris Inagaki, Carole Yamakoshi
99-00 Hitoshi Shimizu
01-02 Sharon Kumagai
03 Kerry Kanaichi

**Ventura County**
**Organized Nov. 1937***
**It was organized as the Oxnard Nisei Civic League, an independent group, and joined the JACL in 1941.*
41 Bunsan Furutani
42 Allen Kurihara
*Reactivated Jan. 1, 1947*
47 Akira Kurihara
48 Nao Takasugi
49 Tamio Yeto
50 Toby Otani,
Dr. Tom Taketa
51 Akira Kurihara
52 Tam J. Inouye
53 Izzy Otani
54 Dr. Sam Tokuyama
55 Nagao Fujita
56 Tadashi Kanamori
57 Mike Mayekawa
58 John Takasugi
59 James Muraoka
60 Willie Hirata
61 Tsugi Kanamori
62 Roy Wakatsuki
63 Yoshitake Sakazaki
64-65 Yas Yanagita
66-67 Harry Kajihara
68-69 Tetsi Kimatsu
86 Yas Umeda
67 Yosh Katsura
68-69 Chuck Kuroyoshi
90-91 Stan Mukai
92-94 Dr. Tsujio Kato
95 Harry H. Kajihara, Yas Umeda
96-97 Executive Volunteers
98-01 Cathleen Kuroyoshi
02-03 George Wakiji

**Wasatch Front North**
**Organized July 1973**
72-76 Tom Hori
77-81 Lyman Kano
82-83 Tom Hori
84-04 George T. Sugihara
96-98 Marian Hori
99-00 Gerald Mouri
01 Linda Oda
02
03 Linda Kunie Oda

**Washington, DC**
**Organized June 15, 1948**
Jack Hirose (org.)
46 Jun Okazaki
47 Harold Horiuchi
48-49 Ira Shimasaki
50 Henry Gashu
51 Dan Kanai
52 Rikio Kumagai
53 Dr. Geo. Furukawa
54 John Kaizu
55 Ruth Kumabi
56 Ben Nakao
57 Harvey Iwata
58 Jack Hirose
59 Hanko Sakata
60-61 John Yoshino
62 Harry I. Takagi
63 Edwin Y. Misuna
64-65 Roy K. Kobayashi
66 Charles Pace
67 Kaz Oshiki
68 Maj. Glenn Matsumoto
69 Paul Ishimoto
70 Tom Hirose
71 Joe Ichiuji
72 Claire Mineta
73 Larry Nakatsuka
74 Susumu Uyeda
75 Melvin H. Chiogioji
76 Michael M. Suzuki
77 Raymond Murakami
78 David Nikaido
79 Hideki Hamamoto
80 Gerald H. Yamada
81 K. Patrick Okura, Wayne Yamada
82 Wayne Yoshino
83 Gerald H. Yamada
84-85 Kris Ibejiri
86-87 Ben Watada
88 Edward A. Sawada
89 Lily A. Okura
90 Kris Ibejiri
91-92 Kay K. Kobayashi
93-95 John Nakahata
96 Clyde Nishimura
97 Richard Amano, Barbara Tenni
98-00 Kan Nakahara, Laura Nakatani
01 Laura Nakatani, Craig Uchida
02-03 Craig B. Uchida

**Watsonville (calif.)**
34 Tom Matsuda
35 Sumio Miyamoto
36 Louie Waki
37-38 Pat Matsushita
39 Frank Ueda
40 Harry Yagi
41-42 James Hirokawa
*Reactivated Nov. 28, 1948*
48-49 Bill Fukuba
50 Ramo Yoshida
51 Bill Fukuba
52-53 William Mori
54-55 Ben Masaike
56 Hiroshi Shikuma
57 Tom Nakaso
58 Shig Hirano
59 Louis Hayashida
60 Tom Tao
61 Harry Yagi
62 Dr. Clifford Fujimoto
63 John Kurumoto
64 Tak Higuchi
65 Ben Umeda
66 Mas "Buzz" Noda
67 Harry Akimoto
68 Kay Miura
69 Tak Higuchi
70 Tom Mise
71 Tom Sakata
72 Dr. Francis Tanosawa
73 ErnestDa
74 Tom Nakase
75 Ben Umeda
76 Tami Yagi
77-78 Paul Hara
79 Wallace Ouye
80 Dr. Arthur Hayashi
81-82 Harry Fukutome
83-84 Yoko Umeda
85 Rev. Sumio Kagi
86 Dr. Gerald Kondo
87 Kaz Kitayama
88 Mas Hashimoto
89 Kenny Kanemoto
90 David Kadotani
91 Patricia L. Sada Kondo
92 Mas Hashimoto
93 Chris Kajisa
94 Eugene Hirano
95 David Kadotani
96 Mark Mitani
97 Mas Hashimoto
98 Mark Mitani
99 Paul Kaneko
*Renamed Watsonville-Santa Cruz in 2000*
00 Mas Hashimoto
01 Marcia Hashimoto
02 David Kadotani
03 Lester Aoki
04 Paul Kaneko

**West Los Angeles**
**Organized 1941**
41-42 Tom Ikuta
*Reactivated Nov. 28,1947*
47-48 Shu Komai
49 Elmer Uchida
50 Dr. Kiyoshi Simoda
51 Richard Janiye
52 Shu Komai
53 James Kitazoe
54 Elmer Uchida
55 Steve Yagi
56 Dave Akashi
57 Frank Kishi
58 Dr. Milton Inagye
59 Joseph M. Nada
60-61 Akira Otani
62 Steve Yagi
63-64 Toy Kanegai
65 Takeo Suzuki
66 David Wakamoto
67 Elmer Uchida
68 Shig Takeshita
69 Toy Kanegai
70 Virginia Tanimoto
71-73 George Kanegai
74-75 Arnold Maeda
76-77 George Kanegai
78-80 Toy Kanegai
81 Mary Ishizuka
82 Bill Sakumi
83 Charles Inazumi
84-85 Sid Yamazaki
86-87 Fred Miyata
88-89 Joan Uchijima
90 Sid Yamazaki
91 Toy Kanegai
92-93 John Gushikan
94-96 George Kanegai
99-03 Joan Shigematsu

**West Valley**
**Santa Clara County, Calif.**

**Organized Jan. 25, 1979**
70 Dr. Richard Arakawa
71 Raymond Uchiyama
72 Art Okuno
73 Dave Muraoka
74 David Sakai
75 Arthur Okuno
76 Steve Nakashima
77 Robert Kaneko
78 Helen Uchiyama
79 Howard Watanabe
80 Edward Kuwahara
81-82 Raye Kikuchi
83 James Y. Sakamoto
84 John Tauchi
85 May M. Yenagita
86 Ronald Watanabe
87 May M. Yenagita
88 John Kaku
89 Dave Muraoka
90 John Tauchi
91 Dave Muraoka
92 Edward Kawahara
94 Ray Uchiyama
96 Brian Kawahara
97 Todd Yashida
98 Randy Shingu, Brett Uchiyama, Todd Yashida
01-03 Sara Shoji

**White River Valley**
**Organized as Valley Civic League Sept. 15, 1930**
30-31 John Arima
32 George Yasumura
33 Minoru Terada
34-36 Tom Inori
37 George Yasumura
38 Minoru Okura
39 Charles Tashi
40 George Terada
41 Tom Inori
42 George Yasumura
*Reactivated Mar. 26, 1962*
61-62 William Maebori
63 Hiroshi Nakayama
64 Koji Morihara
65 George Kawasaki
66 Sesuo Shimagawa
67-68 Tom Hikida
69 Frank Notsuhara
70-71 Ish Sugematsu
72-73 Michiko Maebori
74-75 Hiroshi Oyama
76 John Hamakami
77 Hiroshi Nakayama
78 Isao Tsuji
79-81 Harvey Watanabe
82-83 Joe Nishimoto
84-85 Michi Maebori
86-89 Harvey Watanabe
89 Daniel Hiranaka
90 Michi Maebori
91-92
93 Daniel Hiranaka
94-96
97-00 Richard Hayashi
01-03 Yvonne Kinoshita Ward

**Wilshire**
**(Los Angeles, Calif.)**
**Organized Dec. 1962**
63-64 Tai Yata
65 Ken Watase
66-67 Rimi Mukitada
68-69 Tai Yata
70-72 Toshiko Yoshida
73 George Takei
74-76 Glenn S. Oshiro
77-65 Tai Yata
66-68 Tatsuo "Tai" Yata
69-00 Dr. Ray Nishikawa
01 Alice Nishikawa
02-03 Dan Ichimoto

**Wisconsin / Milwaukee**
**Organized May 11, 1945**
Henry Sakami (org.)
46 Mac Kaneko, Lynn Wells
47 Julius Fujihira
48 Frank C. Okada
49-50 Katsumi Oura
51 Charles Matsumoto
52 Nami Shin
53 Harry Shimoshi
54 Takio Kitaoka
55 Helen Inui
56 Jim Memo
57 Walter Wong
58 Satoshi Nakatani
59 Albert Popp
60 Ray Mukai
61 Dennis Mukiya
62 Ronald Misumi
63 Ray Mukai
64 Douglas Day
65-66 Fremont Ogawa
66 Satoshi Nakatani
67 Allan M. Hida
68 K. Henry Dote
69 Kengo Terasumi
70 Jim Miyasaki
71 Shiro Shingu
72 Jennett Tada
73 Andrew Hasegawa
74 Takio Kataoka
75-76 Victor Hemenwyer
77-78 Takio Kataoka
79 Eddie Janokuchi
80 Andrew Mayeshiba
81 Allen Hida
82 Jim Miyasaki
83-84 April Gorai
85 Diane Aratani
86 Ronald Kiefer
86-87 Diane Aratani
88 Bill Suyama
89 Alfred Goto
90 April Gorai
91 Diane Aratani
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92-93 Jim Miyasaki
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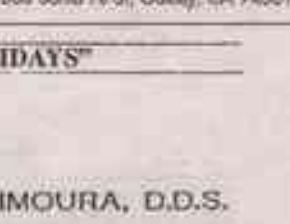
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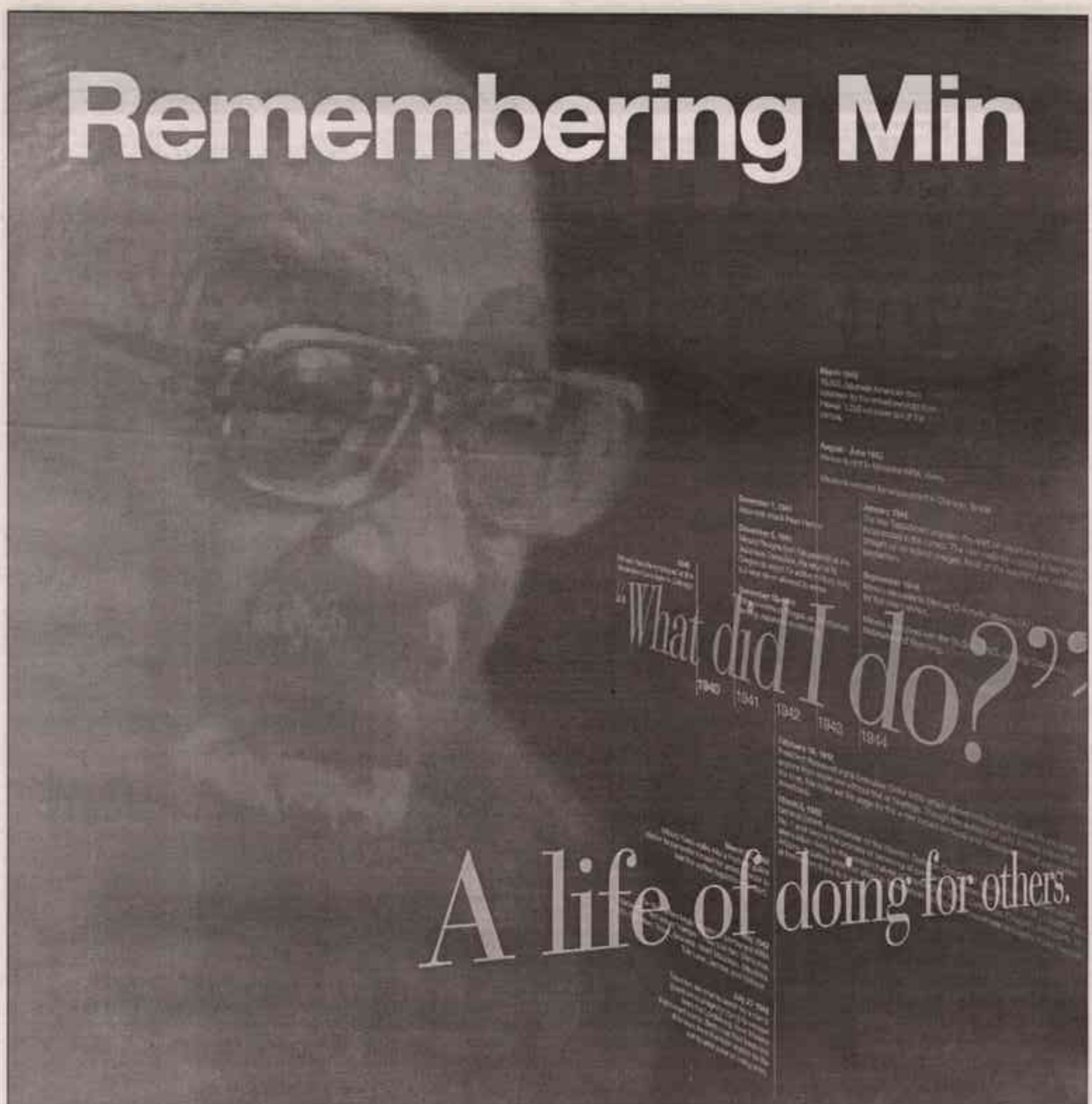
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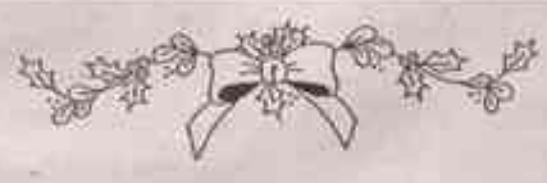
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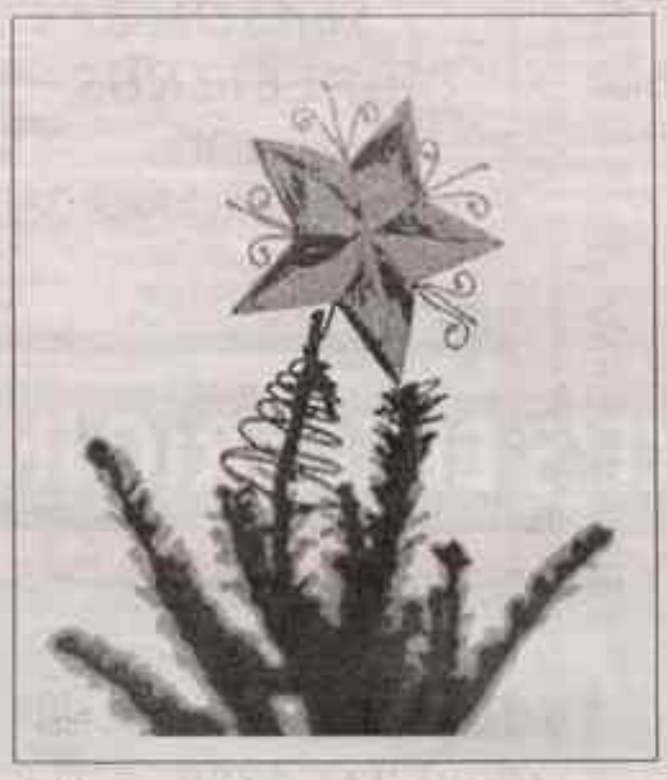
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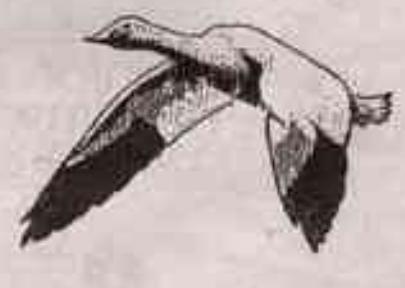
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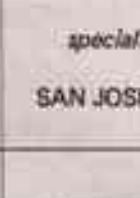
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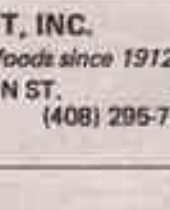
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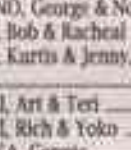
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In 1932, three district councils were recognized — Northwest, Northern California and Southern California — each formed in 1931. In 1940, the fourth district council, Intermountain, was organized and sustained the national organization during World War II when prewar JACL chapters and district councils were inactive because of Evacuation.

The 1940 bylaws lowered the minimum number of three chapters for a district council. In 1947, Tri-State (later named Mountain-Plains), Midwest and Eastern District Councils were formed. In 1948, Northern California was renamed Northern California-Western Nevada when the Reno chapter was added. In 1960, the district was renamed again with Hawaii and Japan chapters as members: Northern California-Western Nevada and Pacific. In 1949 Central California was organized by splitting off the 10 chapters in and around Fresno from the Northern California District Council.

## Pacific Northwest

*As the first district council to be organized, on Sept. 7, 1931, with four chapters (Seattle, Portland, Puyallup Valley and White River Valley) at Seattle, PNWDC is comprised of 10 chapters, its jurisdiction covering Washington, Oregon and Idaho in the Pacific Time Zone and Alaska.*

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*Initially formed as the Northern California Citizens League Federation in 1930, five chapters (San Francisco, Oakland, Placer County, Santa Clara County and Fresno) met Nov. 28-29, 1931. At its 1935 Labor Day weekend meeting in Fresno (Aug. 31), it came to be the Northern California District Council with 15 chapters. Today, its 32 member chapters are located in Northern California, Western Nevada since 1948, and the Pacific with Hawaii and Japan chapters since 1960.*

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*After the 1934 national convention, the Southern California District was organized with seven chapters—Los Angeles, San Diego, Brawley, Santa Maria Valley, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and San Gabriel Valley. Upon reactivation postwar in 1947, Arizona joined and the district assumed its current title. Today there are 32 member chapters, including Las Vegas — a popular site to hold district conventions in the odd-numbered years since the late 1970s.*

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*Youngest of the district councils, organized on March 2, 1949, splitting from the Northern California District, its history dates from 1935 when there were four chapters in Central California: Fresno, Reedley, Parlier and Tulare County. Today, its 10 chapters cover the heart of California's lower half of Central Valley.*

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|---|---|
| 1949-51 | Johnson Kubo (Sanger) |
| 51-53 | Kenji Tashiro (Tulare County) |
| 53-54 | Tom Nakamura (Sanger) |
| 54-55 | Hiroshi Moyeda (Tulare County) |
| 55-57 | Jin Ishikawa (Fresno) |
| 57-58 | Tom H. Nagamatsu |
| 58-59 | George Abe (Selma) |
| 59-60 | Dr. James K. Nagatani (Delano) |
| 60-61 | Fred Y. Hirasuna (Fresno) |
| 61-62 | Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler) |
| 62-63 | Tom T. Shimasaki (Tulare County) |
| 63-64 | Ben Nakamura (Fresno) |
| 64-65 | Dr. Frank Y. Nishio (Fresno) |
| 65-66 | Robert "Bob" I. Okamura (Parlier) |
| 66-67 | Hiroshi Kusaka (Fresno) |
| 67-68 | James K. Kubota (Fresno) |
| 68-70 | Tokuo Yamamoto (Clovis) |
| 70-71 | Tony Takikawa (Fresno) |
| 71-72 | Fred Y. Hirasuna (Fresno) |
| 72-75 | Dr. Izumi Taniguchi (Fresno) |
| 75-77 | Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler) |
| 77-79 | Robert K. Kanagawa (Sanger) |
| 79-81 | Stanley Nagata (Tulare County) |
| 81-82 | Anthony Ishii (Fresno) |
| 82-84 | Maude Ishida (Tulare County) |
| 85-86 | Peggy S. Liggett (Fresno) |
| 87-88 | Dr. Mas Takahashi (Clovis) |
| 89-90 | Dale Ikeda (Clovis) |
| 91-92 | Ken Yokota |
| 93-94 | Larry Ishimoto (Tulare County) |
| 95-96 | Travis Nishi |
| 97-00 | Grace Kimoto (Livingston-Merced) |
| 00-04 | Robert Taniguchi (Livingston-Merced) |

## Intermountain

*Formally organized in Idaho Falls Dec. 29, 1939, its predecessor was the Intermountain Nisei Convention, founded by high school-college students in 1932 at Salt Lake City. As the only district council functioning during World War II when Evacuation suspended JACL activities on the West Coast, Intermountain proudly recalls supporting National Headquarters in Salt Lake City (1942-1956) when its operating funds were at their lowest in 1943-44. Today, there are eight chapters in the Mountain Time areas of Utah, Idaho and Oregon with the 2002 Charter of Sawtooth Chapter in the Twin Falls, Idaho, area.*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1939-40 | Mike M. Masaoka (Salt Lake) |
| 40-41 | William T. Yamauchi (Pocatello-Blackfoot) |
| 43-45 | Mamoro Wakasugi (Snake River Valley) |
| 45-47 | Shigeru "Shake" Ushio (Salt Lake City) |
| 47-49 | Ken Uchida (Ben Lomond) |
| 49-51 | Joe Saito (Snake River Valley) |
| 51-53 | Yukio "Eke" Inouye (Mt. Olympus) |
| 53-55 | Jim Ushio (Mt. Olympus) |
| 55-57 | George Suga (Snake River Valley) |
| 57-59 | Masami Yano (Salt Lake) |
| 59-61 | Joe Nishioka (Idaho Falls) |
| 61-63 | Rupert Hachiya (Salt Lake) |
| 63-65 | Kiyoshi Saikota (Rexburg) |
| 65-67 | Tatsumi "Tats" Misaka (Salt Lake) |
| 67-71 | Ronald Yokota (Pocatello-Blackfoot) |
| 71-73 | "Shake" Ushio (Mt. Olympus) |
| 73-75 | George Kimura (Salt Lake) |
| 75-77 | Gerald "Jerry" R. Mukai (Wasatch Front North) |
| 77-79 | John Tamerlo (Snake River Valley) |
| 79-82 | Albert K. Kubota (Salt Lake) |
| 82-90 | Hid Hasegawa (Idaho Falls) |
| 90-93 | Randy Harano (Snake River Valley) |
| 93-95 | Jefferson "Jeff" K. Itami (Salt Lake) |
| 95-97 | Yasuo G. Tokita (Mt. Olympus) |
| 97-01 | Larry Grant (Wasatch Front North) |
| 02-04 | Miroi Kawakami (Pocatello-Blackfoot, Sawtooth) |
| 04- | Silvana Watanabe (Mt. Olympus) |

## Mountain Plains

*Formed in 1947 as the Tri-District (Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska) District Council of three originating chapters, Denver, Ft. Lupton and Omaha, its name was changed in 1951 to Mountain Plains as it had chapters and committees which had less than the required 25 members for a full-fledged chapter, ranging from Montana to Texas. To lay a national map for future JACL units, the adjoining states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas) were incorporated into MPDC in 1980. Still with widely scattered chapters, the district has six chapters today. When Min Yasui was "voluntary" regional director in the early '50s, he serviced Japanese communities in the "Deep South" and Florida.*

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|---|---|
| 1948-49 | Bessie Matsuda-Shiyomura (Denver) |
| 49-51 | K. Patrick Okura (Omaha) |
| 51-53 | Roy M. Takeno (Mile-Hi) |
| 53-55 | George Y. Masunaga (Mile-Hi) |
| 55-57 | Robert Horiuchi (Mile-Hi) |
| 57-59 | Yutaka "Tak" Terasaki (Mile-Hi) |
| 59-63 | Minoru "Min" Yasui (Mile-Hi) |
| 63-69 | Lily A. Okura (Omaha) |
| 69-75 | Dr. Takashi "Tak" Moyeda (Mile-Hi) |
| 75-80 | Mits Kawamoto (Omaha) |
| 80-82 | Masako "Em" Nakada (Omaha) |
| 82-84 | Ronald Shibata (New Mexico) |
| 84-86 | Paul Shinkawa (Houston) |
| 86-87 | Steve Hasegawa (Omaha) |
| 87-90 | Betty Waki (Houston) |
| 90-94 | Sharon Ishi-Jordan (Omaha) |
| 95-97 | Emilie Kutsuma (Mile-Hi) |
| 97-99 | Cory-Jeanne Murakami-Houck (New Mexico) |
| 00-02 | Reiko Parker (Omaha) |
| 02-03 | Mari Okabayashi (Houston) |
| 03-04 | Reiko Parker Yoshino (Omaha) |

## Midwest

*Organized April 26-27, 1947, at Chicago with seven chapters (Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Milwaukee/Wisconsin, Detroit, St. Louis, Twin Cities) in the Midwest, the district council depicts the dispersal pattern of Japanese Americans during the World War II era. Its jurisdiction was expanded southward in 1980 with four Southern states (Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama). Today MDC has nine chapters.*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1947-48 | Man Sabusawa (Chicago) |
| | Henry Tani (St. Louis) |
| 48-50 | Noboru Honda (Chicago) |
| 50-52 | Shigeo Wakamatsu (Chicago) |
| 52-54 | Harry Takagi (Twin Cities) |
| 54-56 | Abraham N. Hagiwara (Chicago) |
| 56-58 | Kumeo A. Yoshinari (Chicago) |
| 58-60 | Joe Y. Kadowaki (Cleveland) |
| 60-63 | Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto (Chicago) |
| 63-64 | Dr. H. James Takao (Cincinnati) |
| 64-66 | Hiroshi Moyeda (Chicago) |
| 66-68 | Henry T. Tanaka (Cleveland) |
| 68-70 | Masaru Yamasaki (Dayton) |
| 70-74 | Ross M. Harano (Chicago) |
| 74-78 | Lillian C. Kimura (Chicago) |
| 78-80 | Dr. Kaz Moyeda (Detroit) |
| 80-83 | John J. Tani (Chicago) |
| 83-84 | George Sakaguchi (St. Louis) |
| 85-87 | Tom I. Hara (Twin Cities) |
| 87-89 | John Hayashi (St. Louis) |
| 89-90 | Henry T. Tanaka (Cleveland) |
| 90-91 | David Hayashi (Twin Cities) |
| 92-93 | Allan Hida (Milwaukee) |
| 93-96 | David Hayashi (Twin Cities) |
| 96-97 | Joanne Kumagai (Twin Cities) |
| 97-01 | Marie Matsunami (Cincinnati) |
| 01-04 | Ben A. Esaki, III (Twin Cities) |

## Eastern

*Organized in 1947 with four chapters, New York, Boston (New England), Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., the district council gave the mainly West Coast organization its national posture in a politically strategic area. Its jurisdiction was expanded in 1980 to cover the remainder of the Atlantic seaboard. Today, there are six chapters.*

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|---|---|
| 1947-49 | Thomas T. Hayashi (New York) |
| 49-50 | Ina Sugihara-Jones (New York) |
| 50-51 | Tetsuo Iwasaki (Philadelphia) |
| 51-52 | Akira Hayashi (New York) |
| 52-54 | Ira Shimasaki (Washington, D.C.) |
| 54-56 | William Sasagawa (Philadelphia) |
| 56-58 | Charles T. Nagato (Seabrook) |
| 58-60 | William M. Marutani (Philadelphia) |
| 60-62 | John Y. Yoshino (Washington, D.C.) |
| 62-67 | Kaz Horita (Philadelphia) |
| 67-68 | Warren H. Watanabe (Philadelphia) |
| 68-71 | Ira Shimasaki (Washington, D.C.) |
| 71-74 | Grayce K. Uyehara (Philadelphia) |
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| 76-77 | Susumu Uyeda |
| 77-79 | Seiko N. Wakabayashi (Washington, D.C.) |
| 79-80 | Cherry Tsutsumida (Washington, D.C.) |
| 81-83 | Teresa Maebori (Philadelphia) |
| 83-87 | Mike Michio Suzuki (Washington, D.C.) |
| 87-89 | Tom Kometani (New York) |
| 89-90 | Grayce K. Uyehara (Philadelphia) |
| 90-94 | Teresa Maebori (Philadelphia) |
| 94-98 | Tom Kometani (New York) |
| 98-00 | Lillian C. Kimura (New York) |
| 00-03 | Clyde Nishimura (Washington, D.C.) |
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